THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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Memo to City Editors Assignment Editors

The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, will re-open to the public on Wednesday, October 8 after a four-month period devoted to renovation and remodeling If you are interested in covering any of the events on <u>Monday and Tuesday</u> <u>preceding the public opening</u> we will, naturally, be glad to help in any way we can.

On Monday, October 6, three official dinner parties will be given before the first private preview of the exhibitions marking the re-opening.

- 1. About 120 people are expected to attend a dinner in the Museum Penthouse. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board of the Museum, will speak briefly on the future of the Museum. Jean Arp, famous artist whose sculpture will be on view, is coming from France to be guest of honor at the dinner. Dinner will be from 7:30 to 9:15.
- 2. William A.M. Burden, President of the Museum, will be host at his own apartment for a dinner of 24, including donors to one of the opening exhibitions.
- 3. A dinner for about 50 will be held at the Museum Guest House, 242 East 52 Street, for lenders and contributors to the Emergency Committee of Friends of the Museum set up last May after the fire at the Museum. <u>7:15</u>

On Manday, October 6, the private preview, from nine p.m. until midnight, will be attended by about 2000 people, including artists, collectors, contributing members of the Museum, trustees, etc.

Exhibitions on view for the re-opening are:

Jean Arp: A Retrospective - (Third floor)

Paintings and Prints from the Museum Collection - (Second floor)

Works of Art: Given or Promised - (First floor) Collection Philip L. Goodwin **Hermit** - (First floor)

Architecture Worth Saving - (Auditorium Gallery)

On Tuesday, October 7, from 5 - 11 p.m. Members Preview.

If you plan to assign a photographer, camera man or a reporter, would you please notify Elizabeth Shaw, Publicity Director, Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York 19, N.Y. CI 5-8900.