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FRIENDS OF MUSEUM FORM EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

An Emergency Committee of Friends of the Museum of Modern Art has been formed under the chairmanship of Mrs. Donald B. Straus and Mr. August Heckscher it was announced today. In a joint statement, the co-chairmen said:

"The generous response of the hundreds of people who have written, telephoned or wired the Museum offering assistance since the fire have made us feel that many more will want to join with us in helping the Museum make a brilliant recovery. We strongly endorse the trustees' decision to delay complete re-opening until all possible steps have been taken for the safety of visitors and works of art. This does mean, however, that additional funds beyond the insurance coverage will be needed."

Contributions, ranging from \$1 to several thousand, have already been received by the Museum. Checks should be made payable to the Museum of Modern Art and sent to the Emergency Committee of Friends of the Museum of Modern Art, 21 West 53 Street

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