WASHINGTON, June 29: David E. Finley, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announces that an important collection of American paintings and photographs from the Alfred Stieglitz Collection has been given to the National Gallery by Miss Georgia O'Keeffe, Executrix of the Alfred Stieglitz Estate.

Included in the gift is the key set of photographs by Mr. Stieglitz, consisting of about 2,000 items. These photographs are to be stored in the Print Room of the National Gallery, where the drawings and water colors of the Index of American Design are also kept. In accordance with the terms of the gift, the photographs may be studied at the National Gallery, but they may not be loaned at any time to any person or institution.

The gift also included the following paintings by American artists in whose work Mr. Stieglitz was particularly interested:


Marsden Hartley - "Landscape No. 5" oil on canvas.

Arthur G. Dove - "Clouds and Water" oil on canvas.

All the paintings included in this group are by contemporary artists and, in accordance with Miss O'Keeffe's wishes, are to be loaned by the National Gallery to the Phillips Memorial Gallery in Washington until such time as they shall become eligible to be included in the Permanent Collection of the National Gallery of Art.

Mr. Finley stated: "The gift made by Miss O'Keeffe of part of the Alfred Stieglitz Collection brings to the National Gallery important examples of the work of distinguished American artists. We are very grateful for this gift and are especially happy that she has chosen the National Gallery as the custodian of the key set of the famous Stieglitz photographs."