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WASHINGTON, D. C. April 26, 1979. As announced earlier due to a news break by the <u>Washington Post</u>, the only extant set of Gilbert Stuart portraits of the first five U.S. presidents will go on view in the National Gallery of Art's West Building on Friday, April 27. Four of the paintings have recently entered the Gallery's collections; the fifth portrait has been designated as a promised gift by Thomas Jefferson Coolidge IV. The five works, which are among the finest of Stuart's male portraits, form the core of a new installation of American paintings.