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## TREASURE HOUSES EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 13

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 18, 1986 -- Due to overwhelming public response, the exhibition The Treasure Houses of Britain: Five Hundred Years of Private Patronage and Art Collecting will be extended through April 13 at the National Gallery of Art. The exhibition, which can be seen only at the National Gallery, was originally scheduled to close March 16. The extension is made possible in part by an additional grant from the Ford Motor Company, sponsor of the exhibition.

The Treasure Houses of Britain is the largest and most ambitious exhibition in the history of the National Gallery of Art. After the exhibition closes, the more than 700 treasures from some 200 homes and collections making up the exhibition will be returned to Britain.

In conjunction with the extension, there will be a special noontime screening at the National Gallery's East Building auditorium of "Brideshead Revisited," the popular film series produced by Granada Television International and based on the book by Evelyn Waugh.

Beginning Monday, March 17 the National Gallery will return to regular public hours for the duration of The Treasure Houses of Britain: Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sundays, from noon to 9:00 p.m.

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