

254 Frank Sinatra's Wristwatch and Gold Chain-Necklace.

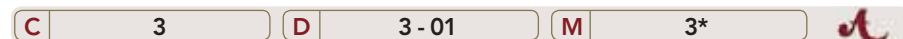
Gruen, Very-Thin, Precision, Swiss, No. 915466, case No. 111126. Made in 1944.

Fine 14K pink gold wristwatch with a pink gold-plated brick link bracelet. Accompanied by a 49 cm. gold-plated chain with 12 letter-links spelling "Frank Sinatra."

C. Two-body, solid, polished, straight lugs, case back engraved: To Al "Flight over America" Frank Sinatra – Hollywood - 1945. **D.** Matte silver with applied pink gold Roman numerals, baton and round indexes, sunk subsidiary seconds dial, outer minute track. Pink gold epee hands. **M.** Cal. 410, rhodium-plated, 17 jewels, straight line lever escapement, monometallic balance, self-compensating Breguet balance spring.

Dial, case and movement signed.

Diam. 31 mm. Thickness 8 mm.



\$: 10,000 - 15,000 • €: 7,500 - 11,000 • SFr: 11,000 - 17,000



Frank Sinatra and Al Silvani

Al Silvani received both the watch and the chain of the present lot as a gift from Frank Sinatra, his close personal friend. The engraving on the back of the watch reads "To Al 'Flight over America' Frank Sinatra Hollywood 1945."

The name Frank Sinatra is spelled out vertically by the links of the chain.

Provenance: From the Estate of Al Silvani.

Frank Sinatra

Francis Albert 'Frank' Sinatra (December 12, 1915 – May 14, 1998) was an American singer and actor. Beginning his musical career in the swing era, Sinatra became a successful solo artist in the early to mid-1940s. His professional career had stalled by the 1950s, but it was reborn in 1954 after he won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in 'From Here to Eternity.' He also starred in such musicals as 'High Society,' 'Guys and Dolls' and 'On the Town.' Sinatra was the recipient of eleven Grammy Awards, including the Grammy Trustees Award, Grammy Legend Award and the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Al Silvani

Al Silvani, born March 26, 1910, was an American boxing trainer and actor. He was a close personal friend of Frank Sinatra and spent time out with Sinatra's 'Rat Pack.' He appeared in a number of Sinatra's movies, including "Ocean's Eleven," "From Here to Eternity" and "Assault on a Queen." As one of the most sought-after trainers in the business, Silvani trained over twenty world champions, including Jake LaMotta and Rocky Graziano. He played himself in the 1976 motion picture 'Rocky' and served as a technical advisor in 'Rocky II' and 'Raging Bull.' In 1980, he was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame.



(detail of the engraved case back)

255 Frank Sinatra's "H.H." Cufflinks from Hubert Humphrey

Accompanied by a letter of provenance from William Rizzo.

In very fine condition (a minute amount of black ink on the back of one of the cufflinks, not visible from the front)

\$: 2,000 - 3,000 • €: 1,500 - 2,300 • SFr: 2,300 - 3,500

To acknowledge Frank Sinatra's campaign efforts, Humphrey presented him with this pair of elegant monogrammed "apple" cufflinks. After the 1968 election, Sinatra, a lifelong Democrat, already soured by previous snubs by the Kennedy family, switched to the Republican party, supporting Nixon and Ronald Reagan, and palling around on the golf course with Spiro Agnew.

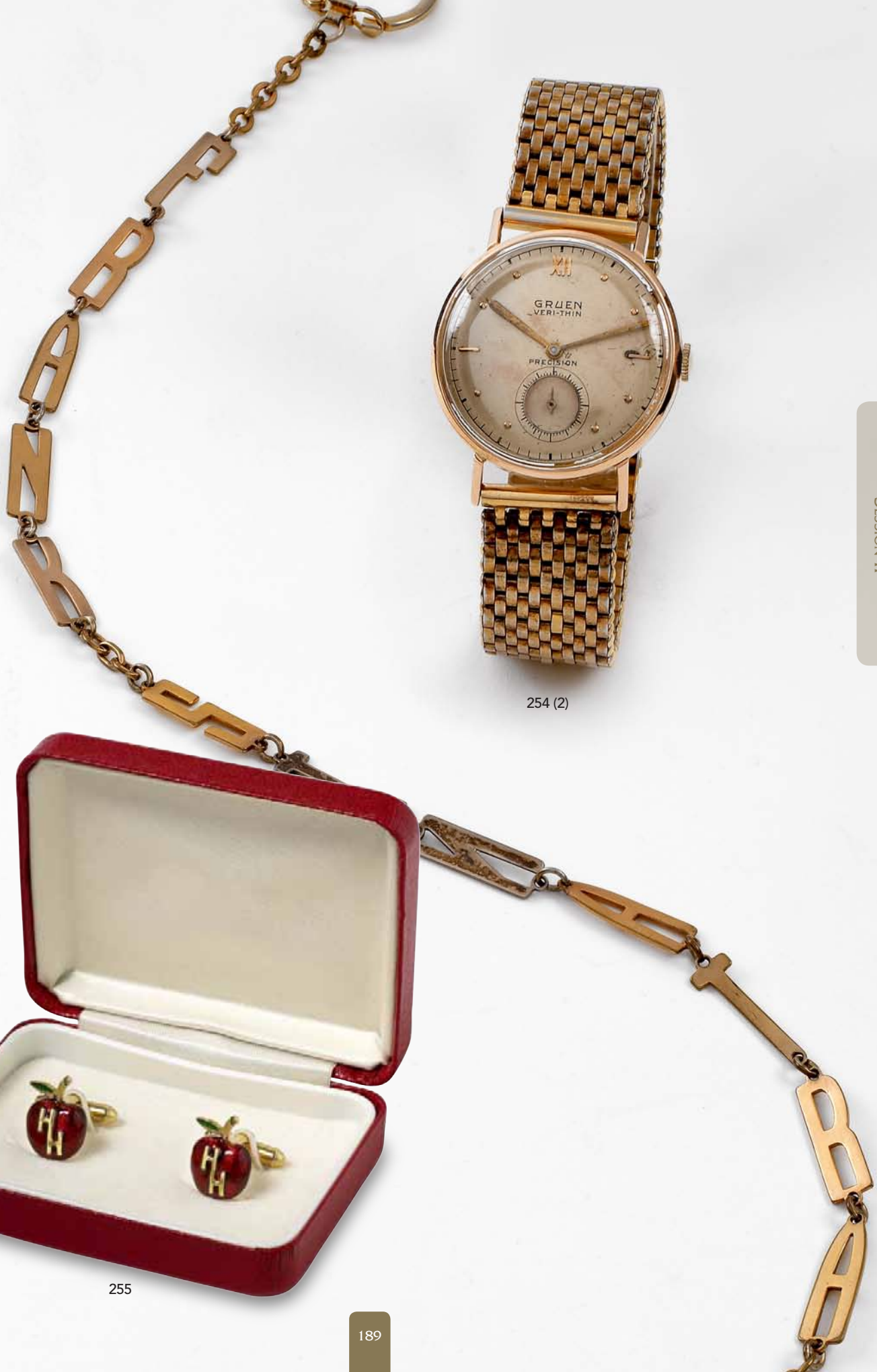
Provenance: From the Jilly Rizzo Estate Archive.

Hubert H. Humphrey, Jr. (1911-1978)

U.S. Senator from Minnesota and 38th Vice President was the Democratic nominee for President in 1968 (following the withdrawal of President Lyndon B. Johnson and the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy). Though Sinatra was instrumental in helping JFK gain the White House in 1960, he could not quite repeat the feat eight years later for Humphrey, who lost by a narrow margin to Richard Nixon.



Frank Sinatra & Hubert Humphrey



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