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LITERATURE

THIS EXQUISITE CASKET CAN BE SEEN ON ALFRED'S DESK IN THE RED ROOM AT HALTON HOUSE, WHERE HE CONDUCTED HIS PRIVATE BUSINESS AFFAIRS WHILE IN RESIDENCE. THE RED ROOM, ALFRED'S FAVOURED COLOUR, WAS RESERVED FOR SOME OF HIS FINEST PIECES FROM HIS COLLECTION, INCLUDING FURNITURE BY MARTIN CARLIN, SÈVRES PORCELAIN AND A PORTRAIT OF LADY HAMILTON BY GEORGE ROMNEY.

PROVENANCE

ALFRED DE ROTHSCHILD (1842 - 1918), THE RED ROOM, HALTON HOUSE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND

LIONEL DE ROTHSCHILD (1882 - 1942)

EDMUND DE ROTHSCHILD (1916 - 2009)

THE TRUSTEES OF EXBURY HOUSE, ENGLAND