

Crowd Looking at a Tied-Up Object

Catalogue Number HMF 2064

Artwork Type Drawing

Date 1942

Dimensions paper: 432 x 559 mm

Medium pencil, wax crayon, charcoal (rubbed), watercolour, wash, pen and

ink

Signature pen and ink I.I. Moore/42

Ownership

The British Museum, London: from the Estate of Lord Clark

More Information

Moore said that this drawing was inspired by sculptures covered in damp cloths to keep the clay moist. Wilkinson (1977) suggests that its source may have been a group of Nupe tribesmen in northern Nigeria standing before two large veiled cult objects, a photograph of which was in a book on tribal art, Kulturgeschichte Afrikas by Leo Frobenius, 1933, owned by Moore.