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BIG DEAL

Stone Phillips Buys an ‘Oasis in the Sky’

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STONE PHILLIPS was a co-host of “Dateline [NBC](#)” for some 15 years. He brought a widely discussed gravitas to his role as anchor until he left the show in 2007, a victim of the network’s [budget cuts](#).

But Mr. Phillips has played other roles in his life. He has been a quarterback on the Yale football team, a repeat guest on “The Colbert Report” and, in 1992, one of People magazine’s 50 most beautiful people. His new role is apartment buyer.

He and his wife, Debra, bought a two-bedroom penthouse at 45 Gramercy Park North. The final price was not available, but the apartment was listed for \$4.75 million.

The listing agent, Lynne Lerner of RES Sales and Marketing Corporation, would not discuss the deal, but she did describe the property as an “oasis in the sky,” with “southern exposures over the park.”

Mr. Phillips’s broker, John Burger of Brown Harris Stevens, said he was not authorized to discuss the transaction.

According to the listing, the apartment has not been on the market in 45 years. It comes with a key to Gramercy Park.