



**Saudi Swords, Indian Jewelry, and a  
Larger-than-Life Salvadoran  
Portrait of Donald Trump:  
*The Trump Administration's Failure  
to Disclose Major Foreign Gifts***

**Interim Staff Report**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This interim staff report presents the preliminary findings of an investigation launched in 2022 by Committee on Oversight and Accountability Democrats into former President Trump’s failure to disclose gifts from foreign government officials while in office, as required by the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act.<sup>1</sup> Information from the Department of State indicates the Trump Administration “did not prioritize this obligation” and the White House failed to provide gift records to the State Department prior to January 20, 2021.<sup>2</sup> As a result, the State Department published an incomplete annual listing of foreign gifts received in 2020, which did not include any foreign gifts received by President Trump.<sup>3</sup>

Committee Democrats requested documents from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the General Services Administration (GSA) to determine the extent of the failure to disclose foreign gifts and whether these unreported gifts may have impacted U.S. foreign policy under the Trump Administration. New information obtained by Committee Democrats reveals that the failures to disclose gifts from foreign governments were much broader than previously known and extended throughout the Trump Administration. The investigation resulted in the following preliminary findings:

- The Trump White House failed to report over a hundred foreign gifts given to the President and the First Family above the reporting threshold, including some gifts valued at thousands of dollars. While the White House reported some foreign gifts to the State Department from 2017 through 2019, it did not report all foreign gifts received during this time. Former President Trump and the First Family failed to report more than 100 foreign gifts with a total value of over a quarter of a million dollars.
- The unreported foreign gifts include gifts from President Xi Jinping of China, Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman of Saudi Arabia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, and other foreign government officials. The Committee’s investigation revealed that the Trump family received 17 gifts from Saudi Arabia—with a total value of more than \$48,000—that were not reported to the State Department. The discovery of these unreported foreign gifts raises significant questions about why former President Trump failed to disclose these gifts to the public, as required by law.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

<sup>2</sup> Briefing by Staff, Office of the Chief of Protocol, Department of State, to Staff, Committee on Oversight and Reform (May 9, 2022); Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2020*, 87 Fed. Reg. 69 (Apr. 11, 2022) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/11/2022-07641/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/11/2022-07641/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)).

<sup>3</sup> *Trump Officials Failed to Provide Accounting of Foreign Gifts*, New York Times (Apr. 8, 2022) (online at [www.nytimes.com/2022/04/08/us/politics/trump-foreign-gifts.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/08/us/politics/trump-foreign-gifts.html)).

## I. BACKGROUND

The Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act prohibits the President and federal officials from keeping personal gifts from foreign governments worth more than “minimal value”—an amount currently set at \$415.<sup>4</sup> Gifts over this amount can only be accepted on behalf of, and become property of, the United States.<sup>5</sup> Recipients of personal gifts over minimal value may have the option of purchasing and retaining them.<sup>6</sup> NARA stores and keeps records on gifts received by the President, the Vice President, and their families.<sup>7</sup>

The law requires that all foreign gifts over the minimal value be publicly disclosed, regardless of their final disposition. The White House is responsible for compiling and submitting to the State Department a list of gifts given to the President, the Vice President, and their families by foreign governments.<sup>8</sup> The State Department publishes annually in the Federal Register a comprehensive list of gifts from foreign governments to U.S. government employees, including the President, the Vice President, and their families.<sup>9</sup> The State Department’s publication must include all foreign gifts received that are above the minimal value, even if the recipient ultimately purchases the gift.<sup>10</sup> General Services Administration (GSA) regulations specify a process for individual employees—including the President—to purchase gifts.<sup>11</sup>

Failing to report and disclose gifts pursuant to these rules violates the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act and may also violate the Constitution’s Emoluments Clause, which prohibits the President from obtaining benefits from foreign entities while in office.<sup>12</sup> In addition, under the Ethics in Government Act, the President is required to publicly disclose gifts over the minimal

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<sup>4</sup> For 2017 through 2019, the General Services Administration set the minimal value as \$390. Since 2020, the minimal value has been set at \$415.

<sup>5</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

<sup>6</sup> GSA oversees the utilization, donation, and disposal of foreign gifts and decorations. GSA’s regulations require a commercial appraisal for foreign gifts over a reporting threshold that a federal employee (including the President) wishes to retain. A recipient may purchase a foreign gift at the appraised value plus the cost of the appraisal. 41 C.F.R. § 102-42.

<sup>7</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7342; *see also* 41 C.F.R. § 102-42.

<sup>8</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> Each employing agency is required to compile and submit a listing of gifts of more than minimal value to the Secretary of State, who publishes a comprehensive listing of such statements in the Federal Register. A gift is defined as a “tangible or intangible present (other than a decoration) tendered by, or received from, a foreign government.” 5 U.S.C. § 7342. The statute and regulation provide no exceptions for gifts that are ultimately purchased by the intended recipient. *See* 41 C.F.R. § 102-42.20. Employees must report gifts received over the threshold to their employing agencies, which then assess whether to keep the gift for official use or return the gift to the donor. Only then does the employee have the option to purchase the gift. *Id.*; *see also* Briefing by Staff, Office of the Chief of Protocol, State Department, to Staff, Committee on Oversight and Reform (Oct. 14, 2022).

<sup>11</sup> 41 C.F.R. §§ 102-42 and 102-38.

<sup>12</sup> U.S. Const. art. I, § 9; Congressional Research Service, *Gifts to the President of the United States* (Aug. 16, 2012) (R42662) (online at <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R42662.pdf>).

value that they and their immediate family received.<sup>13</sup>

## II. Concerns Raised About Foreign Gift Disclosures Under President Trump

The Office of the Chief of Protocol published listings of foreign gifts for former President Trump and the First Family in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The chart below shows the number of foreign gifts disclosed by the Trump Administration for each calendar year from 2017 through 2020.

### Foreign Gifts Disclosed by the Trump Administration to the Department of State, 2017-2020<sup>14</sup>

Year	President Donald Trump	First Lady Melania Trump	Jared Kushner, Senior Advisor to the President	Ivanka Trump, Advisor to the President
2017	36	21	6	11
2018	17	13	3	1
2019	23	7	5	0
2020	0	0	1	0

The number of foreign gifts reported by former President Trump and his family are lower than the number reported by previous presidents and their families.<sup>15</sup> For example, Ivanka

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<sup>13</sup> 5 U.S.C. app., §§ 101 and 102, as amended.

<sup>14</sup> In addition to the number of gifts listed, for 2017, State Department records show that President Trump and the First Lady received six foreign gifts addressed to both of them, the First Family children received one foreign gift, and the First Family grandchildren received two foreign gifts. The only gift listed for Mr. Kushner in 2020 was reported to the State Department by GSA. Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2017*, 84 Fed. Reg. 45 (Mar. 7, 2019) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/07/2019-04063/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/07/2019-04063/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)); Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2018*, 85 Fed. Reg. 37 (Feb. 25, 2020) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/25/2020-03722/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/25/2020-03722/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)); Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2019*, 86 Fed. Reg. 148 (Aug. 5, 2021) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/08/05/2021-16751/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/08/05/2021-16751/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)); Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2020*, 87 Fed. Reg. 69 (Apr. 11, 2022) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/11/2022-07641/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/11/2022-07641/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)).

<sup>15</sup> For example, for 2016, the State Department reported 46 foreign gifts to President Barack Obama, six foreign gifts addressed to both the President and First Lady, 19 to the First Lady, and five to the First Family. For 2008, the State Department reported 76 foreign gifts to President George W. Bush, which included some items under the minimal value (\$335 or less), 41 foreign gifts to the First Lady, and seven to the First Family. Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2016*, 83 Fed. Reg. 8 (Jan. 11, 2018) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/01/11/2018-00365/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/01/11/2018-00365/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)).

Trump reported a single foreign gift over minimal value in 2018 and none in 2019, despite frequent international travels as senior advisor to the President.<sup>16</sup>

In November 2021, the State Department's Office of the Inspector General issued a report on significant problems at the Office of the Chief of Protocol during the Trump Administration, including "missing items of a significant value." The report determined that a "lack of accurate recordkeeping and appropriate physical security controls contributed to the loss of the gifts."<sup>17</sup>

In April 2022, the State Department revealed that it could not fully account for the foreign gifts Trump Administration officials received in 2020.<sup>18</sup> The State Department stated that the Executive Office of the President failed to provide a foreign gift listing for 2020. The Department's Office of the Chief of Protocol, which was led by Trump Administration appointees, failed to request a listing prior to the change in administrations. After the Trump Administration ended, the Office of the Chief of Protocol attempted to collect the required data but determined it could no longer obtain potentially relevant records due to restrictions on accessing retired presidential records.<sup>19</sup>

On June 6, 2022, the Committee sent a letter to NARA requesting documents on the disposition of foreign gifts received by President Trump and his family during his term in office. The letter sought information and documents regarding whether former President Trump and the First Family received unreported foreign gifts and whether the Trump White House complied with foreign gift reporting requirements.<sup>20</sup>

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employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported); Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2008*, 74 Fed. Reg. 121 (Jun. 25, 2009) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2009/06/25/E9-15022/office-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported-to-employing](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2009/06/25/E9-15022/office-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported-to-employing)).

<sup>16</sup> See, e.g., *Ivanka Trump Returns to the World Stage with Africa Trip*, CNN (Apr. 15, 2019) (online at [www.cnn.com/2019/04/14/politics/ivanka-trump-africa-womens-initiative/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2019/04/14/politics/ivanka-trump-africa-womens-initiative/index.html)); *Ivanka Trump's Asia Trip Wasn't Just Awkward—It Will Harm American Diplomacy*, NBC News (July 3, 2019) (online at [www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/ivanka-trump-s-asia-trip-wasn-t-just-awkward-it-ncna1026231](http://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/ivanka-trump-s-asia-trip-wasn-t-just-awkward-it-ncna1026231)).

<sup>17</sup> Office of Inspector General, Department of State, *Management Assistance Report: Office of the Chief of Protocol Gift Vault Access Controls* (Nov. 2021) (ESP-22-01) (online at [www.stateoig.gov/uploads/report/report\\_pdf\\_file/esp-22-01\\_9.pdf](http://www.stateoig.gov/uploads/report/report_pdf_file/esp-22-01_9.pdf)).

<sup>18</sup> Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2020*, 87 Fed. Reg. 69 (Apr. 11, 2022) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/11/2022-07641/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/11/2022-07641/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

<sup>20</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to Debra Steidel Wall, Acting Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration (June 6, 2022) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-06-06.CBM%20to%20Steidel%20Wall-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Foreign%20Gifts.pdf>).

### **III. President Trump and the First Family Failed to Report Over 100 Foreign Gifts Worth More Than \$250,000**

Internal White House records obtained by the Committee indicate that the listings provided by the White House to the Office of the Chief of Protocol failed to include all the foreign gifts received by former President Trump and the First Family not only in 2020, but throughout the Trump Administration. A comparison of internal White House Gift Office records and NARA records of foreign gifts to disclosures in the Federal Register revealed more than fifty unreported foreign gifts received by former President Trump, spanning his entire administration and ranging in value from just above the reporting threshold to \$35,000. In total, the unreported foreign gifts received by former President Trump had an estimated value of more than \$150,000.<sup>21</sup>

The Committee identified 13 additional unreported foreign gifts addressed to both former President Trump and former First Lady Melania Trump, totaling more than \$22,000 in estimated value.<sup>22</sup> Former First Lady Melania Trump and Barron Trump received 18 unreported foreign gifts, totaling more than \$33,000 in estimated value.<sup>23</sup> Jared Kushner, Ivanka Trump and their children, together, received 33 unreported gifts, totaling nearly \$82,000.<sup>24</sup>

In total, records indicate that former President Trump and the First Family received 117 unreported foreign gifts, valued at roughly \$291,000.

The Committee is continuing to investigate the final disposition of certain foreign gifts. Records obtained by the Committee show that during the Trump Administration, the White House Gift Office requested that NARA transfer a number of foreign gifts back from NARA's custody to the White House. Among these, the disposition of one gift remains unknown: a gift

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<sup>21</sup> Appendix I: Unreported Foreign Gifts Received by Former President Trump (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20I%20-%20Trump.pdf>) and Appendix VI: Additional Unreported Foreign Gifts (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20VI%20-%20Additional%20GSA%20reported%20gifts.pdf>).

<sup>22</sup> Appendix II: Unreported Foreign Gifts Received by Former President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20II%20-%20Trump%20and%20Melania.pdf>) and Appendix VI: Additional Unreported Foreign Gifts (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20VI%20-%20Additional%20GSA%20reported%20gifts.pdf>).

<sup>23</sup> Appendix III: Unreported Foreign Gifts Received by First Lady Melania Trump and Her Child (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20III-Melania%20and%20Child.pdf>) and Appendix VI: Additional Unreported Foreign Gifts (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20VI%20-%20Additional%20GSA%20reported%20gifts.pdf>).

<sup>24</sup> Appendix IV: Unreported Foreign Gifts Received by Jared Kushner (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20IV%20-%20Kushner.pdf>); Appendix V: Unreported Foreign Gifts Received by Ivanka Trump and the Kushner Children (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20V%20-%20Ivanka%20and%20Children.pdf>); and Appendix VI: Additional Unreported Foreign Gifts (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Foreign%20Gifts%20Appendix%20VI%20-%20Additional%20GSA%20reported%20gifts.pdf>).

Mr. Kushner received from Egypt.<sup>25</sup>

GSA’s records also revealed additional unreported foreign gifts for which NARA had no records. The Committee is still seeking additional information about purchased gifts. Regardless of their final disposition, foreign gifts over minimal value must be reported to the State Department and publicly disclosed annually in the Federal Register.

The chart below shows selected examples of foreign gifts received by President Trump and the First Family that were not reported in the Federal Register as required:

**Selected Examples of Unreported Foreign Gifts<sup>26</sup>**

<b>Year Received</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Foreign Gift</b>	<b>Foreign Donor and Country</b>	<b>Estimated Value</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
2017	President Trump	Uzbek carpet, silk	Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan	\$12,000	NARA custody
2017	President Trump	Dagger with ivory handle	Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar	\$35,000	Transferred from GSA to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2021 <sup>a</sup>	President Trump	Bahraini sabre, with scabbard, in presentation box	Salman bin Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain	\$12,000	NARA custody
2019	President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump	Japanese bowl, ceramic by Yuksharu Furuno, in presentation box	Naruhito, Emperor of Japan	\$12,400	NARA custody

<sup>25</sup> The Federal Register listed this gift as a box decorated in silver patterns with an estimated value of \$450 received from Kamal Abbas, General Coordinator of the Center for Trade Unions & Workers’ Service in 2018.

<sup>26</sup> The Committee has edited foreign donor names and titles for common usage and consistency in this letter. The Committee also corrected misspellings found in the original records or conducted research to complete any missing information, such the titles of foreign government officials. The “Year Received” may reflect NARA’s record for entering appraisal data for gifts into its artifact management system, which may not be the same year for when the gift was given and received. NARA stated that many foreign and domestic gifts were turned over to them after the end of the Administration, resulting in a date recorded in 2021.

2017	First Lady Melania Trump	Winter coat, wool and fur <sup>a</sup>	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	\$3,000	Transferred from GSA to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2019	Jared Kushner	Saudi dagger (“khanjar”), with scabbard, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	\$24,000	Recalled from NARA and purchased by recipient
2020	Jared Kushner <sup>b</sup>	Vase, by Lalique, limited edition	Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of the United Arab Emirates	\$13,500 <sup>b</sup>	Recalled from NARA and purchased by recipient <sup>b</sup>
2020	Jared Kushner	Jug, terracotta clay, in presentation case	Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel	\$840	Sold to recipient through GSA
2019	Ivanka Trump	Teddy bear, by Steiff, limited edition	Sebastian Kurz, Chancellor of the Republic of Austria	\$1,200	Recalled from NARA and purchased by recipient
2019	Ivanka Trump	Framed painting with birds	Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Affairs of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh	\$575	Sold to public through GSA
2020	Ivanka Trump	Brass tea set	Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan	\$796	Sold to public through GSA

<sup>a</sup> GSA’s records indicate that the Trump Administration turned over a “wool with printed purple foliate pattern white tiger fur” winter coat in May 2021. NARA’s records indicate a similar gift of a “winter coat, outside of wool with printed purple foliate pattern” and “interior lining reportedly tiger fur displaying black bars on gray” received by Melania Trump in 2017 from Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and appraised at \$1,650.

<sup>b</sup> NARA’s records indicate the value of the Lalique limited edition vase at \$135,000 and President Trump as the recipient. White House Gift Office and GSA records, however, indicate the purchase value as \$13,500, which is supported by the Committee’s research suggesting the commercial value as \$13,200. GSA records also indicate Jared Kushner as the recipient and purchaser of the vase.

The Committee obtained internal White House communications referring to a larger-than-life-sized painting of President Trump that the President of El Salvador gave to former President Trump. The President of El Salvador commissioned the painting and delivered it to the



U.S. Embassy in El Salvador as a gift to President Trump, just before the 2020 elections.<sup>27</sup> On November 19, 2020, the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador notified officials at the White House Gift Office and State Department Diplomatic Gift Unit about this foreign gift and requested assistance with shipping it to President Trump.<sup>28</sup> There are no records of the painting's disposition. NARA had no records of this painting and GSA also had no records for the purchase of this gift. However, despite GSA transition documents indicating that the Director of Correspondence for the Office of Donald J. Trump certified "full compliance with the final disposition of gifts" in April 2021, certain records suggest the portrait may have been moved to Florida as "property of the former President" in July 2021.<sup>29</sup>

#### IV. Unreported Foreign Gifts Raise Concerns about Potential Undue Influence

Media reporting has suggested that foreign leaders used gifts to win favor from former President Trump.<sup>30</sup>

##### *Saudi Arabia*

According to the *New York Times*, former President Trump "took a hard line against Saudi Arabia" as a presidential candidate.<sup>31</sup> As President, Mr. Trump became "more generous" to Saudi Arabia, which had been "pretty nice" to him "in several dozen small but extravagant ways."<sup>32</sup> Mr. Trump, in turn, showed favor to Saudi Arabia by choosing the Kingdom as his first foreign trip, refusing to suspend arms sales to the Saudi military despite its egregious human rights record, and supporting Saudi Arabia during the Qatar crisis in 2017 and Yemen conflict in 2018, among other foreign policy decisions.<sup>33</sup> A separate Committee investigation also revealed

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<sup>27</sup> Correspondence discusses shipping this foreign gift from the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador to the White House. Email from Cassidy Dumbauld to Charlton Boyd and Jared Kushner (Nov. 20, 2020) (071P-R000002252\_0001 and 071P-R000002252\_0002) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000002252\\_0001.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000002252_0001.pdf)); Email from Caitlin Dietze to Molly Michael, Luke Niederhelman, and Desiree Thompson Sayle (Nov. 20, 2020) (071P-R000001114\_0001 and 071P-R000001114\_0002) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000001114\\_0001.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000001114_0001.pdf)).

<sup>28</sup> *Id.*

<sup>29</sup> Email from Desiree Thompson Sayle to Kathy Geisler (Apr. 14, 2021) (online at [www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/2021%20Moving%20Support.pdf](http://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/2021%20Moving%20Support.pdf), at Pages 25-26); Email from Desiree Thompson Sayle to Kathy Geisler (Jul. 19, 2021) (online at [www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/2021%20Moving%20Support.pdf](http://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/2021%20Moving%20Support.pdf), at Page 37).

<sup>30</sup> *With Golf and Gifts, Japan's Abe Cuts Own Path with Trump*, Associated Press (Reprinted in Business Insider) (Feb. 8, 2017) (online at [www.businessinsider.com/ap-with-golf-and-gifts-japans-abe-cuts-own-path-with-trump-2017-2](http://www.businessinsider.com/ap-with-golf-and-gifts-japans-abe-cuts-own-path-with-trump-2017-2)); *Trump Gifts from Saudi Arabia: Tiger Fur Robes and Chiffon Dresses*, New York Times (Sept. 6, 2017) (online at [www.nytimes.com/2017/09/06/world/middleeast/trump-gifts-saudi-arabia.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/06/world/middleeast/trump-gifts-saudi-arabia.html)).

<sup>31</sup> *Trump Gifts from Saudi Arabia: Tiger Fur Robes and Chiffon Dresses*, New York Times (Sept. 6, 2017) (online at [www.nytimes.com/2017/09/06/world/middleeast/trump-gifts-saudi-arabia.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/06/world/middleeast/trump-gifts-saudi-arabia.html)).

<sup>32</sup> *Id.*

<sup>33</sup> *The Top 11 Favors the Trump Administration Has Done for Saudi Arabia*, NBC News (July 25, 2019) (online at [www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/top-11-favors-trump-administration-has-done-saudi-arabia-n1026926](http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/top-11-favors-trump-administration-has-done-saudi-arabia-n1026926)); *Trump Administration Pushes Forward on \$500 Million Weapons Deal with Saudi Arabia*, Washington Post (Dec. 23, 2020) (online at [www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-administration-saudi-weapons-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-administration-saudi-weapons-)

that the governments of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Qatar spent hundreds of thousands of dollars at the Trump Hotel while publicly lobbying for President Trump’s support during the Qatar crisis.<sup>34</sup> The State Department’s Federal Register listings reported ten gifts for the Trump family from Saudi Arabia in 2017, two gifts in 2018, zero gifts in 2019, and one gift in 2020. The Committee discovered 16 additional unreported gifts to the Trump family with a total value of more than \$45,000, including three gifts to President Trump and one gift to the President and First Lady. The unreported gifts included a Saudi dagger valued at up to \$24,000 and two sword sets with a total value of \$8,800. GSA records showed that Mr. Kushner purchased and retained five Saudi gifts, including the dagger.

### Unreported Foreign Gifts from Saudi Arabia

Year Received	Recipient	Foreign Gift	Foreign Donor	Estimated Value
2017	President Trump	Letter opener, by Mouawad	Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King	\$1,150
2017	President Trump	Saudi dagger (“khanjar”), with scabbard and belt, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$730
2018	President Trump	Winter coat (“farwah”), in presentation box	Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King	\$480
2018	President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump	Saudi dagger (“khanjar”), with scabbard and belt, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$700
2017	First Lady Melania Trump	Saudi winter coat (“farwah”), wool and fur	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$3,000
2017	First Lady Melania Trump	Saudi winter coat (“farwah”), in presentation case	Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King	\$1,650

deal/2020/12/23/657cdc72-4565-11eb-8deb-b948d0931c16\_story.html).

<sup>34</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to Debra Steidel Wall, Acting Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration (Nov. 14, 2022) (online at [oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-11-14.CBM%20to%20Steidel%20Wall-NARA%20re%20Mazars%20Docs.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-11-14.CBM%20to%20Steidel%20Wall-NARA%20re%20Mazars%20Docs.pdf)).

2017	First Lady Melania Trump	Saudi women's garment ("jalabia"), with slip, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$910
2017	Jared Kushner	Saudi sword, with scabbard, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$5,450
2017	Jared Kushner	Sword, with scabbard, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$3,350
2017	Jared Kushner	Saudi winter coat ("farwah"), in presentation case	Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King	\$1,900
2017	Jared Kushner	Saudi winter coat ("farwah"), in presentation case	Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King	\$1,650
2017	Jared Kushner	Two Saudi winter coats ("farwas"), in carrying case	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$650
2017	Jared Kushner	Two Saudi coats ("diglas"), in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$460
2018	Jared Kushner	Saudi winter coat ("farwah"), in presentation case	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$700
2018	Jared Kushner	Saudi winter coat ("farwah"), in presentation case	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$500
2019	Jared Kushner	Saudi dagger ("khanjar"), with scabbard, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$24,000
2018	Kushner children	Prayer beads, in presentation box	Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince	\$900

## *Japan*

According to reports, the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, gave President-elect Trump a \$3,755 gold golf driver in November 2016 and sought to cultivate a “special relationship.”<sup>35</sup> Federal Register listings showed zero foreign gifts reported for President Trump from Prime Minister Abe in 2017, 2018, or 2019, but internal White House records reveal that Prime Minister Abe gave additional golf clubs to President Trump during visits to the Trump International Golf Club and Kasumigaseki Country Club in 2017 and 2018.<sup>36</sup> These gifts included a putter valued at \$460 and a driver valued at \$3,040. NARA has no records of these golf clubs and does not have the golf clubs in its custody. GSA also has no records of the golf clubs being purchased. The Committee is still seeking to determine the final disposition of these gifts.

## *India*

The media reported on the “strategic friendship” between President Trump and India’s Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, calling it a “bromance.”<sup>37</sup> In February 2020, CNN summarized the President and First Lady’s “showy state visit” to India as having “plenty of impressive photos but without major announcements on trade or security.”<sup>38</sup> President Trump lauded the friendship during the visit, stating: “Let me begin by expressing my profound gratitude to an exceptional leader, a great champion of India, a man who works night and day for his country, and a man I am proud to call my true friend: Prime Minister Modi.” He continued, “The First Lady and I have just traveled 8,000 miles around the globe to deliver a message to every citizen across this nation: America loves India, America respects India, and America will always be faithful and loyal friends to the Indian people.”<sup>39</sup> Documents revealed that the Trump family received 17 unreported gifts from India with a total estimated value of more than \$47,000. Among these gifts were an \$8,500 vase, a \$4,600 model of the Taj Mahal, and \$1,900 cufflinks.

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<sup>35</sup> *Donald Trump Gets \$3,755 Gold Golf Club from Japanese Prime Minister*, Washington Post (Nov. 21, 2016) (online at [www.washingtonpost.com/news/reliable-source/wp/2016/11/21/donald-trump-gets-3755-gold-golf-club-from-japanese-prime-minister/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/reliable-source/wp/2016/11/21/donald-trump-gets-3755-gold-golf-club-from-japanese-prime-minister/)); *Sorry Brits: Abe and Trump Have the Real ‘Special Relationship,’* Time (Feb. 16, 2017) (online at [time.com/4673007/shinzo-abe-donald-trump/](http://time.com/4673007/shinzo-abe-donald-trump/)); *‘Absolutely Unprecedented’: Why Japan’s Leader Tries So Hard to Court Trump*, Politico (May 24, 2019) (online at [www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/05/24/shinzo-abe-trump-japan-226985/](http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/05/24/shinzo-abe-trump-japan-226985/)).

<sup>36</sup> Email from Luke Niederhelman to the Associate Curator at the Executive Residence and Desiree Thompson Sayle (Dec 30, 2020) (071P-R000001252) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071-R000001252\\_0001.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071-R000001252_0001.pdf)); Gifts in the Executive Residence/West Wing – December 10, 2020 (071P-R000001254\_0001) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071-R000001254\\_0001.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071-R000001254_0001.pdf)).

<sup>37</sup> *In India, Trump Aims for Crowds and Strategic Friendship*, CNN (Feb. 23, 2020) (online at [www.cnn.com/2020/02/23/politics/trump-india-visit/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2020/02/23/politics/trump-india-visit/index.html)); *What Did the Trump-Modi ‘Bromance’ Achieve?* BBC (Feb. 25, 2020) (online at [www.bbc.com/news/world-south-asia-51638345](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-south-asia-51638345)).

<sup>38</sup> *Trump Concludes India Visit Without Major Agreements*, CNN (Feb. 25, 2020) (online at [www.cnn.com/2020/02/24/politics/donald-trump-india-narendra-modi-trade/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2020/02/24/politics/donald-trump-india-narendra-modi-trade/index.html)).

<sup>39</sup> *Remarks by President Trump at a Namaste Trump Rally*, (Feb. 24, 2020) (online at [trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-namaste-trump-rally/](http://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-namaste-trump-rally/)).

### Unreported Foreign Gifts from India

Year Received	Recipient	Foreign Gift	Foreign Donor	Estimated Value
2019	President Trump	Table, black marble with mother-of-pearl and stone inlay	Narendra Modi, Prime Minister	\$1,400
2021	President Trump	Vase, Makrana marble	Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh	\$8,500
2021	President Trump	Indian rug, silk	Ram Nath Kovind, President	\$6,600
2021	President Trump	Model of the Taj Mahal, in marble	Ram Nath Kovind, President	\$4,630
2021	President Trump	Footed bowl, in presentation box	Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat	\$2,200
2021	President Trump	Cufflinks, by Rathore, in presentation box	Narendra Modi, Prime Minister	\$1,920
2021	President Trump	Footed bowl, in presentation box	Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat	\$1,830
2021	President Trump	Candelabrum, in presentation box	Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat	\$1,830
2021	President Trump	Lion statute, in presentation box	Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat	\$1,100
2021	President Trump	Scarf, from Vibrant Gujarat	Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat	\$650
2021	President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump	Photo album of the state visit by the President and First Lady	Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs	\$1,250
2021	First Lady Melania Trump	Charm bracelet, by Raghavendra Rathore, in presentation box	Narendra Modi, Prime Minister	\$2,760
2021	Jared Kushner	Bandhgala jacket, by Raghavendra Rathore, in presentation box	Narendra Modi, Prime Minister	\$940
2018	Ivanka Trump	Rug, silk and wool, in carrying bag	Embassy of India, Philippines	\$4,600
2018	Ivanka Trump	Sculpture of the Charminar, in silver filigree, in presentation case	Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao, Chief Minister of Telangana	\$2,200

2019	Ivanka Trump	Painting on silk, reportedly by the Pichwai Painting Deccan School of India, in frame and presentation box	Narendra Modi, Prime Minister	\$2,200
2021	Ivanka Trump	Bracelet, by Raghavendra Rathore	Narendra Modi, Prime Minister	\$2,450

### *China*

Former President Trump and his family failed to report at least five foreign gifts from China in 2017, totaling \$3,400 in estimated value.

### **Unreported Foreign Gifts from China**

<b>Year Received</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Foreign Gift</b>	<b>Foreign Donor</b>	<b>Estimated Value</b>
2017	President Trump	Vase, porcelain	Yang Jiechi, State Councillor of the People's Republic of China	\$1,200
2017	President Trump	2 volume book set, in Chinese text, in presentation box	Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China	\$800
2017	President Trump	Hanging scroll, print reproduction of "Flowers in Dragon Boat Festival" by Lang Shining	Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China	\$600
2017	President Trump	Hanging scroll, print reproduction "Autumn Lotus Pond" by Yun Bing	Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China	\$400
2017	Barron Trump	Figurine of Hanuman, in plexiglass case, in presentation box	Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China	\$400

### **V. White House Officials Provided Inaccurate Advice on Reporting Requirements**

Email correspondence obtained by the Committee suggests that Trump Administration officials may have sought to avoid disclosure of certain gifts that were purchased by the President and the First Family, contrary to legal requirements.

On January 13, 2021, Molly Michael, Executive Assistant to President Trump, emailed Deputy White House Counsel Scott Gast, inquiring about required disclosures and payments for domestic and foreign gifts received by President Trump.<sup>40</sup> Ms. Michael asked Mr. Gast whether

<sup>40</sup> Email from Molly Michael to Luke Niederhelman, Scott Gast, Alexandra Stone, and Timothy Harleth (Jan. 13, 2021) (071P-R000001419) (online at

and what form of disclosure would be required when presenting “all the options he [Trump] has in very simple terms as in:

Send to the future library with what public disclosure?  
Purchase at what cost, with no disclosure necessary?  
Retain for MAL [Mar-a-Lago] use and disclose with what personal disclosure?  
Delay the decision, send to NARA, and have what options later?”<sup>41</sup>

Mr. Gast responded—incorrectly—that “no disclosure is required for any gifts that are purchased with personal funds.”<sup>42</sup> While this is accurate for domestic gifts, Mr. Gast failed to specify that all foreign gifts over the minimal value are required to be reported, regardless of disposition.

Another document obtained by the Committee includes a note that the First Lady sought to recall from NARA diamond earrings given by the Czech Republic, valued at \$470, but wanted to avoid public disclosure of the item. The note stated: “RECALL FROM NARA (FLOTUS prefers not to disclose any items publically [*sic*], PURCHASE?”<sup>43</sup> Although the diamond earrings had been reported already in the Federal Register for 2019, the indication of the former First Lady’s preference “not to disclose” is concerning given that disclosure of foreign gifts is legally required.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The Trump Administration’s failure to disclose more than one hundred foreign gifts President Trump and his family received raises new questions about whether these and other gifts may have been used by foreign governments to influence U.S. policy under President Trump. The Committee is seeking additional records regarding these gifts and their potential impact on U.S. policy. The Committee’s investigation will assist the Committee in assessing whether legislative reforms are needed to ensure records of foreign gifts to the President are preserved and made available to the public, and to prevent violations of the Emoluments Clause.

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<sup>41</sup> *Id.*

<sup>42</sup> Email from Scott Gast to Molly Michael, Luke Niederhelman, Alexandra Stone, and Timothy Harleth (Jan. 13, 2021) (071P-R000001419\_0002) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000001419\\_0001.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000001419_0001.pdf)).

<sup>43</sup> Items POTUS Approved to Accept and Publicly Disclose Per Outer Oval/Items POTUS Has Yet to Approve to Accept and Publicly Disclose (071P-R000001553\_0001) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071-R000001553\\_0001.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071-R000001553_0001.pdf)); Email from Luke Niederhelman to Scott Gast and Desiree Thompson Sayle (Jan. 15, 2021) (071P-R000001552) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000001552\\_0001.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/071P-R000001552_0001.pdf)); Department of State, *Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees from Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2019*, 86 Fed. Reg. 148 (Aug. 5, 2021) (online at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/08/05/2021-16751/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/08/05/2021-16751/office-of-the-chief-of-protocol-gifts-to-federal-employees-from-foreign-government-sources-reported)).