

# Gifts and Donors

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President Nixon's gifts to Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev were all donated by the manufacturers, the State Department said yesterday.

In response to questions, a spokesman said the practice was not unusual since manufacturers are usually pleased that their work is thought worthy of a presidential presentation as a state gift.

The most expensive of the three gifts was a custom-made \$12,000 hunting rifle, designed and executed by the Pedersen Gun Co. of New Haven, Conn., a State Department spokesman said. Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist party leader, is known to be an avid hunter.

President Nixon personally approved the design of stylized foliage chased on the blued bore and Brezhnev's initials inlaid in gold on the walnut stock the spokesman said.

There is also a gold bear,

1¼ inches in height, inlaid on the under part of the piece beyond the trigger, and an eagle head in profile inlaid in gold below the trigger toward the stock. The leather strap is hand chased.

The State Department spokesman, indicating that he felt it was inappropriate to mention the value of the gifts, declined to discuss details of arrangements with the manufacturers, beyond confirming that all the gifts were donated, and not bought by the White House.

The other gifts were a 1973 Lincoln Continental (a town car model valued at \$10,000) and a porcelain figurine group measuring 16 by 11 inches, depicting two American Indian chiefs in counsel. This was made by the Cybis Co. of New Jersey and is valued at \$5,000, a White House spokesman said. The figurines were the first of a limited number being made by Cybis, the State Department spokesman added.