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Saudi Gem Aftermath: GAO Inquiry, What's in the Cards?

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The General Accounting Office will ask the White House for a look at all records pertaining to foreign gifts to the First Family.

The action, undertaken at the request of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, could make public "Gifts Unit" files which the White House has refused to allow reporters to examine ....

While the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is supposed to oversee the State Department under the Reorganization Act of 1946, the committee did not know until early March that the Protocol Office had been relieved of its traditional recordkeeping durite duties by the Nixon administration in early 1969.

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