

Nixon Gifts Opened

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With a representative of Richard M. Nixon looking on, government archivists began opening boxes and crates yesterday trying to inventory \$2 million worth of state gifts Nixon received during his 5½ years as president.

The listing was requested by U. S. chief of protocol Evan S. Dobelle, who has said some of the gifts "evidently were never received nor even held temporarily" by proper authorities, as required by law.

Nixon was described by associates as angry and his wife as deeply hurt over suggestions that they kept some of the gifts, which include diamond-and-emerald-encrusted jewelry, paintings and antiques.

Roger Johnson, an aide to Nixon when he was in the White House, was present as archivists began opening boxes marked "Head of State." There are 124 such boxes and crates to be searched, a task expected to take several weeks.

This is the first time federal employees have been allowed to search Nixon's materials for reasons other than national security or proceedings related to Watergate.

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