

# Kissinger Wedding Presents From

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When Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry Kissinger returned from the Middle East late last week, they found a 10-foot-square room full of wedding presents waiting for them.

The gifts, from heads of state all over the world, have been coming in steadily since Kissinger and the former Nancy Maginnes married on March 30.

Records of these wedding gifts, plus others which Kissinger has received during his official peregrinations in recent years, now fill a heavy, looseleaf notebook several inches thick.

Larry Eagleburger, Kissinger's executive assistant, showed the log recently to Protocol Chief Henry Catto and moaned: "Those are just the ones we've managed to catalog so far."

Packages from certain VIP donors have not even been opened. They have been placed in Kissinger's office so that he and his bride may see them first.

Under the law, Kissinger and his wife are not permitted to keep gifts, valued at more than \$50, from foreigners without the permission of Congress. But Nancy

Kissinger, as a bride, may find that lawmakers on Capitol Hill are much more lenient about wedding presents than gifts proffered in other circumstances.

Traditionally, daughters of Presidents have kept wedding presents from foreign dignitaries, displayed them and made no secret of it. Members of the House and Senate, by not decreeing otherwise, have given their tacit approval.

With that precedent, it is possible that some member of Congress will ask that Mrs. Kissinger be shown the same courtesy.

## High Finance

As Senate Watergate Committee investigators try to untangle the finances of the Nixon family and Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo, one intriguing sequence of loans has emerged.

On Feb. 19, 1973, Rebozo made a down payment of \$52,000 on a house in Bethesda which he was buying to rent to Julie and David Eisenhower. That money included a \$10,000 loan from President Nixon.

Two weeks later, on March 5, Rebozo borrowed \$65,000 from Tricia Nixon Cox. The money reportedly represented her share of capital gains on \$20,000 she

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had loaned her father in 1967 to buy two lots in Florida which he later sold at a substantial profit.

Interest payments on the loan from Mrs. Cox to Rebozo are paid into a savings account in Rebozo's Key Biscayne Bank which has been maintained jointly for years in the names of "Miss Patricia Nixon and Mrs. Patricia Nixon."

"We don't know what it means," one source said last week. "We don't know whether Rebozo borrowed money from Tricia to buy a house for Julie to live in, or whether he borrowed it for something else after using his own money to buy the Maryland house."

Both loans show up in the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation's report on its examination of President Nixon's tax returns for 1969 through 1972.

## Going West

Ethel Kennedy's daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and David Townsend, will not be going back to Harvard next year.

The young couple is moving to the Southwest. A spokesman for Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy said last week that he "thinks it's New Mexico."