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Other Arab Jewel Gifts

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The Washington Post reported yesterday that the wives of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and former Secretary of State William P. Rogers received costly gifts of jewels from Arab royalty but only recently turned them in for official processing required by law.

In a story by columnist Maxine Cheshire, the newspaper also said an expensive jewelry set crafted out of emeralds and diamonds had been presented by an Arab oil minister to the wife of J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Under a 1966 law, all foreign gifts to federal officials and their families valued at more than \$50 are legally the property of the U.S. government and must be turned over to the State Department Protocol Office for cataloguing and disposition.

The story listed among the gifts recently turned in for processing:

- A set of diamonds and pearls given to Judy Agnew in July, 1971, by the Crown Prince of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al Ahmad al-Jaber.

- A set of rubies and diamonds given to Adele Rogers in 1972 by the Emir of Kuwait.

- The emerald-diamond set sent to Elizabeth Fulbright in December 1972 by the petroleum minister of Abu Dhabi. As with the gifts to Mrs. Agnew and Mrs. Rogers, the set consisted of a necklace, bracelet, earrings and ring.

Last month, Miss Cheshire disclosed that a diamond bracelet and two jeweled brooches given to Pat Nixon and her daughters by a Saudian Arabian prince on July 1, 1972, were not received in the White House Gifts Unit for processing until last March 28.

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