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Mr. Dulles:

The boys in the Division tell me that these gifts are typical bazaar items which the normal tourist would purchase. For your information, the following appraisal has been made:

Metal Plaque	$5.00
Wooden Plaque	$5.00
Cigarette Box	$7.00
Two pieces of Cloth	$7.50 each

As you know, regulation [   ] provides that any present or gift which is given to an Agency employee by any foreign government should be sent to the Director of Personnel where it will be forwarded to the State Department for the purpose of getting Congressional approval to deliver the gift to the recipient. However, in this case, the Division feels that this was presented to you by Muhyi-al-Din as a personal gift and was not intended to be a gift from his government. Therefore, unless you wish to keep some of these presents in your office or take them out to your house, we will place them in the vault here.

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