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GIFTS FROM THE EMPEROR TO THE PRESIDENT:

A signed picture with a silver frame with a chrysanthemum imperial seal.

A 2 1/2 foot diameter Kutani china plate. Basic color of white and a 6 angled tortoise back design in autumn colors of reds, browns, some blues and an ornamental wood-carved stand to put it on. The plate is by Kizan Kamiide. The following explanation accompanies it: "Ornamental plate of Kutani china with the design of fine-patterned."

The production of Kutani china was started at Kutani in Kaga province (present Ishikawa prefecture) to the northwest of Tokyo sometime in the 17th century by Seijiro Goto at the wish of the then Feudal Lord. Ever since it has been regarded as the best painted china of the most characteristic of Japan.

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