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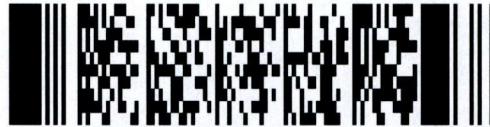
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Correspondent: **HIS EXCELLENCY WANG GANG**

Subject/Description: **I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND GIFT.**

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 18, 2011

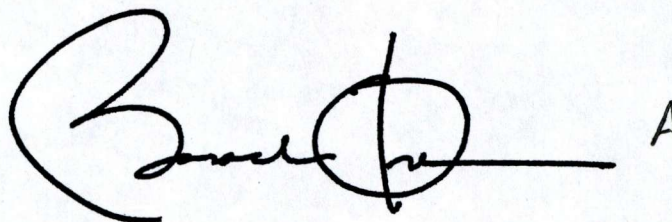
His Excellency  
Wang Gang  
Minister of Science and Technology  
of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing

Dear Mr. Minister:

I would like to extend my thanks for your kind gift. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated.

As our world grows increasingly interdependent, it is gratifying to know our nations can work together toward a brighter future for all. Thank you, again, for your kind gesture. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", with a large, stylized initial "B" and a circled "O". To the right of the signature is a capital letter "A".

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BARACK OBAMA (A)

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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON

January 24, 2011

**MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**FROM: PHIL DROEGE  
DIRECTOR OF WHITE HOUSE  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

**SUBJECT: ACTION REQUESTED ON WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE**

**PLEASE TRANSMIT THE ATTACHED LETTER(S)  
AND/OR PHOTO(S)**

**FROM: THE PRESIDENT**

**TO: His Excellency  
Wang Gang  
Minister of Science and Technology  
of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing**

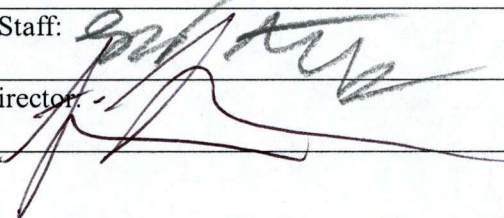
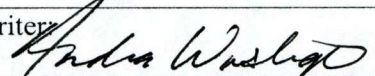
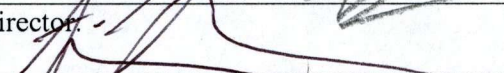
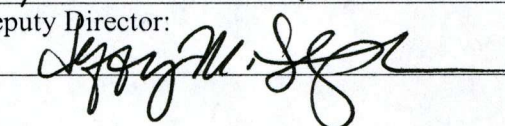

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|              | For Messages, is there <b>NO</b> "Sincerely" at the bottom?  | (N/A) |
|              | Is the name of the honoree/organization spelled correctly in all mentions?<br>Are these spellings consistent with website/background material? _____<br>If not, did WH liaison verify? _____   | (N/A) |
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**Signatures:**

Production Staff: 	Writer: 
Assistant Director: 	Deputy Director: 
Director: 	

January 11, 2011

**Comment [w1]:** This letter closely follows the letter to President Abbas, which Gifts thinks is nearly perfect for Foreign VIP TYs. See source docs.

His Excellency  
Wang Gang  
Minister of Science and Technology  
of the People's Republic of China  
Beijing

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Dear Mr. Minister:

**Comment [AW2]:** NSS approved address and salutation block. See source docs.

I would like to extend my thanks for your kind gift. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated.

**Comment [w3]:** Minister Gong sent POTUS a flying Pigeon Electrical "Ebike" bicycle via Diplomatic Pouch

As our world grows increasingly interdependent, it is gratifying to know our nations can work together toward a brighter future for all. Thank you, again, for your kind gesture. I wish you all the best.

**Comment [w4]:** Sentence added verbatim from GiftTY ForeignVIP letter.

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**Comment [FR5]:** I thought this might be more appropriate since the minister isn't a head of state

Sincerely,  
[POTUS AP]

**Deleted:** nations.

**Comment [w6]:** In the Abbas letter, the term "peoples" was used since there is no Palestinian state. In this case, the letter is being sent to an ambassador of a state, so "nations" would be appropriate.

# PROCLAMATIONS, MESSAGES, AND CUSTOMS

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## Custom Letter to an Individual: Gifts

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<b>Occasion for sending letter:</b>	TY
<b>Event date, if applicable:</b>	12/1/2010 12:00 AM
<b>Deadline date and time</b>	12/26/2010 12:00 AM
<b>WH Office requesting:</b>	Gifts
<b>WH point of contact:</b>	Chris L-W/NSS Exec Sec
<b>Commissioned Officer requesting:</b>	
<b>Full name of recipient:</b>	His Excellency Wang Gong
<b>Recipient mailing address:</b>	Minister of Technology of the People's Republic of China Beijing
<b>Full name of honoree (if different from recipient)</b>	
<b>Please provide us with background on this request and its origin:</b>	This gift (a flying Pigeon Electical "ebike" bicycle) was sent via Diplomatic Pouch
<b>Recommended talking points:</b>	Thank you for the gift, specifically mention the bike.
<b>If providing a draft, where did it originate?</b>	
<b>Should a photo be included in the envelope?</b>	No
<b>Attachments</b>	China - Wang gong.pdf

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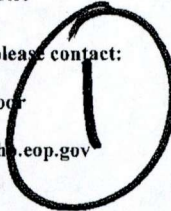


Make **TWO** Copies of this Form. Forward one to the Gift Office and Include Another with the Gift



**FIRST FAMILY  
GIFT DISCLOSURE  
THE WHITE HOUSE**

To transmit gift and **COPY** of form, please contact:  
**Gift Director**  
 1800 G Street, N.W., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Washington, DC 20006  
 Email: WhiteHouseGiftOffice@whitehouse.gov  
 Phone: (202) 456-3137  
 Fax: (202) 456-3107



Staff Member Accepting Gift: <b>Liza W. Ballantine</b>	Date form filled in: (mm/dd/yyyy)
Title: <b>Sr. Gifts Officer</b>	Office: <b>S/CPR</b>
Phone: <b>202.230.7921</b>	
Email Address: <b>ballantinemw@state.gov</b>	

<b>GIFT INTENDED FOR</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President <input type="checkbox"/> First Lady <input type="checkbox"/> President & First Lady <input type="checkbox"/> Other First Family Member (indicate below)
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<b>PREFERRED DISPOSITION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase to Retain <input type="checkbox"/> Return to Sender <input type="checkbox"/> Turn over to Government <input type="checkbox"/> Mark for Official Use
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<b>GIFT INFORMATION</b>	<b>DONOR INFORMATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF GIFT</b>
	Name of Donor: <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Rev. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Address: (please include Zip Code and Country if applicable) <b>His Excellency Wang Gong, Minister of Technology of the People's Republic of China</b> Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ Name of Organization: (If applicable) _____ Donor Category: <input type="checkbox"/> General Public <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Friend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign Government Official <input type="checkbox"/> Lobbyist <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below) _____	Date gift was received: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Detailed Description of Gift: (Attach additional sheets as necessary) <b>Flying Pigeon Electrical "Ebike" Bicycle in Large Wooden Crate</b> Information about the gift or donor worthy of special consideration: <b>Sent to the Department of State from US Embassy Beijing via Diplomatic Pouch</b> Gift Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Personally <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify Below) _____

<b>SIGNATURE</b>	Signature of Staff Recipient: _____	Date: _____
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Gift I.D.: <b>762437</b>	Appraised By: <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify Below)	Appraised Value: _____
Comments: _____		
Date Received: <b>10-2-10</b>	Date Information Transmitted to ORM: _____	
Date Inventoried: <b>10-25-10</b>	Disposition: _____	

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This FORM must be transmitted by the Gift Office  
 \*\*\*Please come to the Gift Office to pick up your copy\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*Please turn in your copy to the Gift Office\*\*\*

## Ayling, Lindsay

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**From:** Kinn, Andy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 4:49 PM  
**To:** Washington, Andrea; Reeves, Fiona O.  
**Cc:** #CROSS  
**Subject:** RE: For Review - Foreign Gift TYs  
**Attachments:** TYGift\_President Rajapaksa\_OPC Draft.docx; TYGift\_Minister Gong\_OPC Draft.docx; TYGift\_Prime Minister Loong\_OPC Draft.docx

Andrea/Fiona:

Please see slight edits in track changes. The address/salutation are correct as is for Albania and Vietnam.

Thanks.

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**From:** Washington, Andrea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 11:19 AM  
**To:** Haines, Mary A.; Koneff, Douglas A.; Boyd, Valerie S.  
**Cc:** Reeves, Fiona O.  
**Subject:** For Review - Foreign Gift TYs

Good Morning –

Please see the attached thank you letter drafts for foreign leaders and let us know if there should be any address block and/or salutation changes.

Thanks so much,  
Andrea

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Andrea Washington | Office of Presidential Correspondence | [awashington@who.eop.gov](mailto:awashington@who.eop.gov) | 202-456-2044

January 11, 2011

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Sincerely,  
[POTUS AP]

**Ayling, Lindsay**

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**From:** Liddell-Westefeld, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 02, 2010 9:59 AM  
**To:** Stracko, Jill; Washington, Andrea; Reeves, Fiona O.  
**Subject:** FW: Abbas Thank You Letter  
**Attachments:** Abbas Gift Thank You.pdf

Team Writing: I think this is about perfect.

I submitted a number of foreign VIP oneoff requests this week, and an adaptation of this would work well for nearly all of them. thanks.

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**From:** Ayling, Lindsay  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 02, 2010 9:45 AM  
**To:** Koneff, Douglas A.; Haines, Mary A.  
**Cc:** Liddell-Westefeld, Christopher; Stracko, Jill; Reeves, Fiona O.; Washington, Andrea  
**Subject:** Abbas Thank You Letter

Good Morning,

The letter for Mahmoud Abbas has been completed, and the PDF copy is attached. Please confirm that the hard copy may be sent to ORM for dispatch to the state department.

Thanks,

Lindsay Ayling  
Production Assistant  
Presidential Correspondence