Involves Donald Trump

Qatar's Boeing 747 for Air Force One

B Reported

The acceptance is documented by the Pentagon's announcement as reported by the AP. The library plan rests on Trump's public statements and reporting; no public agreement has been released.

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REACHED THE FAMILY

May 21, 2025

$400,000,000 estimated

Widely reported value; there is no official valuation. The plane went to the Air Force, and the Air Force Secretary testified in June 2025 that the retrofit would probably cost under $400 million. Trump unveiled the retrofitted plane on Jun 19, 2026 (CBS) and first flew on it on Jul 1, 2026 (ABC). Trump said in May 2025 it would go to his presidential library after his term; ABC reported on Jul 1, 2026, citing sources familiar with a proposed arrangement, that ownership would pass to the library foundation shortly before he leaves office. No agreement has been released. In October 2026 an administration source told ABC the plane was getting cosmetic interior upgrades. On Aug 5, 2026 a White House official told ABC News no final decision had been made on the plane's future after the term, and ABC, citing NBC News, reported that Eric Trump said it was not the plan at the moment for the jet to go to the library.

FROM Government of Qatar (foreign govt)

CHANNEL gift to the government that could pass to a Trump-controlled entity

OFFICIAL ACTION

May 21, 2025

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth accepted the Boeing 747 from Qatar for use as Air Force One

AGENCY Department of Defense

The payment and the action are dated the same day.

WHAT HAPPENED

In May 2025 Qatar's government offered the U.S. a luxury Boeing 747-8, widely valued at about $400 million, for use as Air Force One. On May 21, 2025, the Pentagon announced that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth had accepted it, saying it was done in accordance with all federal rules.

The plane went to the Air Force, not to Trump. The family connection is what happens next. Trump said at the time that the jet would go to his presidential library after he leaves office. In August 2026 the Washington Examiner reported there was still no decision on displaying it at the library. Trump first flew on the retrofitted plane on July 1, 2026, and ABC News reported that day, citing sources familiar with a proposed arrangement, that ownership would pass to the library foundation shortly before he leaves office. No agreement has been released.

A week before the acceptance, a Senate resolution led by Sens. Brian Schatz and Chris Coons, with 24 cosponsors, said the gift violated the Constitution's Foreign Emoluments Clause, which bars the president from accepting gifts from foreign states without the consent of Congress.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

Foreign Emoluments Clause (gift from a foreign state accepted without congressional consent)

STATUTE OR CLAUSE U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 9, Clause 8 (Foreign Emoluments Clause)

RAISED BY Sens. Brian Schatz and Chris Coons and 24 cosponsors (Senate resolution, May 13, 2025)

This is a potential violation as described by the party named. No charge has been filed in this entry; the ledger does not call anything a crime below tier D.

THEIR RESPONSE

The Pentagon says the plane was accepted in accordance with all federal rules and regulations. Trump said taxpayers should not pay hundreds of millions of dollars when the plane was available for free. Trump said the modifications cost very little compared with doing it another way (ABC, Jul 1, 2026).

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