

Section 710 provides:

“During the period in which the head of any department or agency, or any other officer or civilian employee of the Federal Government appointed by the President of the United States, holds office, no funds may be obligated or expended in excess of \$5,000 to furnish or redecorate the office of such department head, agency head, officer, or employee, or to purchase furniture or make improvements for any such office, unless advance notice of such furnishing or redecoration is transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. For the purposes of this section, the term ‘office’ shall include the entire suite of offices assigned to the individual, as well as any other space used primarily by the individual or the use of which is directly controlled by the individual.”

- All items that fall within this provision – I have highlighted those that are not covered by the legal theory we propounded to GAO or the theory that maintenance is not covered. The total cost of these items is: \$8,283.66, over the \$5,000.
- So even excluding the items covered by our legal theory and by the maintenance theory, we have an anti-deficiency act violation.
- Pursuant to OMB Circular A-11, in order to report this violation we will need to do an investigation of why these were not reported.

Refurbished Office Desk	\$2,075.00
Captain's Standup Desk	\$2,963.05
Smithsonian American Art (William Louis Sonntag) on Loan (Labor and Delivery Charges)	\$1,200.00
Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery (John Marshall and James Monroe) on Loan (Labor and Delivery Charges)	\$750.00
Framed Picture with the President signing an executive order and pen in a shadow box	\$632.58
Framed Picture with Cabinet Officials in the Rose Garden	\$638.43
Framed White House Executive Session Certificate	\$201.80
Framed White House Appointee Certificate	\$291.65
Framed American Flag	\$916.15
Framed American Flag Installation and Delivery	\$690.00
Biometric Lock #1	\$2,495.25
Biometric Lock #2	\$3,389.50
Security Booth	\$43,197.15