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I think it is unfortunate that no changes have been made to the money values for gifts and other parts. Specifically with gifts, this causes issues with simple minor gifts given during holidays, birthdays, or at bereavement times. If my understanding is correct, these values have not been updated for over 30 years, since 1992. In the 90s you could buy a Big Mac for \$2.45, it's now double that at \$4.95. A gallon of gas was around \$1.30, now it's over \$3. Things are more expensive, and we shouldn't penalize federal employees for taking a gift that in 1992 would have been under that amount. Most inflation tools agree that \$20 in 1992 is worth over \$40 today. I would recommend that all the values in 2635 be "modernized" to today's money. This should also include investments, and other limitations.

In addition, the value of printed materials should be increased much more significantly than others. In my experience these items are either reports by professional organizations, or textbook like materials. Either one of these has a retail price of well over \$100 for a single copy. A quick look at reports from an organization for my profession shows reports that cost \$250. In addition, often "printed material" these days is given out as access to a website or an ebook. In 1992 we were just barely thinking about the internet. This difference in information exchange should be allowed for in this exception.

It's time to update the numbers in the standards as well. They should be reviewed and adjusted every 5 years.