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Dear Collector:

It is a pleasure to present you with the 2025 Gold Proof Trump Dollar Piedfort Set.

I trust you will enjoy your set as much as I have enjoyed creating it for you. Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you so much for the pleasure to add to your collection.

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The Double Split Gold Proof Piedfort Story*

By Bernard von NotHaus – Monetary Architect

The problem with minting a one ounce 9999 fine Gold Proof is that as gold is denser than silver or copper, the diameter of the most expensive specimen in a three coin set is always smaller in diameter to provide enough planchet thickness for it to be struck. This problem is much more acute when an ultra high relief proof die is employed. To me, the smaller gold in a set of three metals has always been an eyesore. I wanted all three coins in The Trump Gold Proof Set to be the same size and have the same quality. Technically, the problem with a one ounce gold planchet is that it is very thin so it limits the relief of the gold coining die to being extremely shallow and eliminates using an Ultra High Relief (UHR) die completely. So while the UHR die works well on 39mm silver and copper planches, it simply does not work on a standard 39mm one ounce gold planchet that is too thin for an UHR die.

The solution to this minting dilemma was to invent a unique gold 39mm piedfort collectible. Based on my two previous piedforts: the 39mm two ounce silver Liberty Dollar Piedfort in 2004 and the two piece quarter ounce Liberty Dollar Split Piedfort in 2006, I invented the 2016 Gold Proof Double Split Piedfort for the Trump Dollar Gold Proof Set.

The 2016 Trump Dollar Gold Proof Double Split Piedfort is a unique coin invention with three planches: two half ounce 9999 fine gold planchets and a one ounce fine silver planchet layered with 24K gold. The three planchets are stacked on top of the reverse die: a half ounce gold planchet on the bottom, the 24K gold layered one ounce silver planchet in the center and a half ounce gold planchet on top. All three planchets are synchronously struck six times with the Ultra High Relief (UHR) obverse die and voila – three planchets are bonded and a stunning Gold Proof Double Split Piedfort is created.

The 2016 Trump Dollar – Gold Proof Double Split Piedfort Set – includes three proofs in gold, silver and copper - all are 39mm in diameter and minted with an UHR obverse die. The Gold Set consists of the Gold Piedfort, a one ounce Silver Proof and a one AV ounce pure Copper Proof. To add to the unique nature of your Gold Piedfort, each has been serial numbered on the edge of the center planchet. The Gold Piedfort was designed and engineered by Bernard von NotHaus to be the best, most innovative and most unique commemorative coin for an equally innovative and unique Presidential Candidate – Donald J. Trump.

Historical Information on the Piedfort

** Piedforts are an old European tradition, dating from the late 13th century in Bohemia. According to recent "encyclopedic dictionaries" by Richard Doty and R. Scott Carlson, other early minters of these special productions included Germany, France and England.*

A Piedfort, French for "strong foot," is a special minted coin or medal on an unusually thick planchet, usually twice the thickness of the normal issue. Different reasons for piedforts have been advanced with the most accepted reason being to show examples of an engraver's work or to provide added thickness for striking ultra high relief coins.

France started producing modern day piedforts of its circulating coins in 1967 and continued such offerings regularly through the 1970s. In the 1980s, Carlson notes, there was an upsurge in popularity of piedforts among collectors. France offered piedforts of the silver 100-franc commemorative for the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

In addition to piedforts being double thick, "split piedforts" have been minted with two planchets and on special occasions piedforts have been minted in precious metals rather than the base metal of circulating coinage. In addition to European countries, the US Mint has shown no reluctance to mint its own piedforts with variously packaged sets, reverse proof coins and other exotic numismatic issues to the cheers of many collectors.

The 2016 Trump Dollar Double Split Piedfort Gold Proof builds on the long storied history of piedforts by inventing a unique way to mint a stunning 39mm Ultra High Relief one ounce gold proof.

As the monetary architect who designed and developed the Gold Piedfort, I wish to express a special thanks to my Gold Piedfort teammates who did such outstanding work to co-create the Gold Proof Trump Dollar Piedfort Set: Wayne Takazono for the original portrait of Mr. Trump, Luigi Badia for his incredible sculptured master plaster, Torry Hoover of Hoover & Strong for creating the special half ounce gold planchets, William LaMere, the Mintmaster of the North American Mint, for his surgical precise minting and Sam Pierce for managing the stunning Gold Piedfort Trump Dollar project. Well done guys with my many thanks!