

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:                   Amb. Anatoliy F. Dobrynin, Ambassador of  
  the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
  Soviet Pilots  
  General Aleksandr V. Belyakov  
  Georgi F. Baidukov  
  Col. Igor V. Chkalov

  President Ford  
  Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant  
  to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:                   Monday, June 23, 1975  
  12:50 - 1:12 p.m.

PLACE:                            The Oval Office  
  The White House

President: I heard about your welcome in Vancouver.

Baidukov: The welcome was great. We were shown photos and clippings. It was very touching.

[The President gives a wooden mead bowl as a gift.]

Baidukov: This is the model of the plane we flew. It had one motor, and big wings. We flew for 63 hours nonstop, Moscow to Vancouver.

President: Just the three of you?

Baidukov: Just three in the crew.

President: How was the ice?

Baidukov: Very bad. The airports from Seattle to San Francisco were not being used for two days, so we used military airfields.

President: No de-icing equipment?



Baidukov: Just on the propeller.

President: Did you fly it back?

Baidukov: No. It was dismantled and exhibited at the New York World's Fair. It is now in a museum in Gorky dedicated to flight.

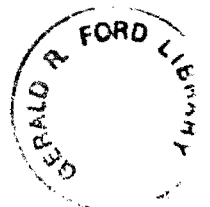
President: How long does it take now to fly that route?

Baidukov: Ten hours.

President: Are both of you jet pilots?

Baidukov: We don't fly anymore.

Belyakov: Here is a copy of the navigation log book of the flight. [He gives the President copies in Russian and English. The President looks it over; then escorts his guests into the Rose Garden for the public presentation].



~~Be careful with the protection of evidence~~  
~~was the pilot of Sp... from ...~~

P/ Soviet Pilots

12:50 - 1:10 pm

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P. Heard that you were in Vancouver

~~Bandin~~ W. Welcome was great. We were down  
gluten & chipping. It was very interesting  
(P. was given wooden wood bowl gift)

~~Be~~ This is a model of a plane case flavor.  
One motor, in wings, & 3 hrs was to  
Van run

P Just 3

~~B~~ Just 3 in crew

P Saw was box?

~~B~~ Very bad. The <sup>airports</sup> ~~airports~~ from Seattle to SF were  
not being used for 2 days, so we used not  
apfd

P was driving again?

~~B~~ Just on Puget Sound

P Did you fly it back

~~B~~ Yes. It was documented + exhibited at  
NY world's fair, now in museum over  
Gruby book to fl-

P How long does it take now

~~B~~ 10 hrs

P Are both of you jet pilots.

~~B~~ We don't fly any more

Hands gift back to P. Bevy of Charles.

~~Belgob~~ Here is a copy of a manuscript by book of  
a pilot. (Copies in Russian & Eng)  
(P. has book at work)

(All move into Rose Garden for public  
presentation)

