

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
General George Brown, Chairman of the JCS
George Bush, Director of Central Intelligence
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Monday - February 16, 1976
3:45 p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

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President: This morning I met with Fred Ikle. Henry and Brent were there. Fred had a couple of minor points.

~~By *dal* NARA Date 7/20/04~~

I decided on the deferral option. This paper was worked out in a meeting with Don, Henry and Brent last night. This will be a two-part treaty, and we will have an interim agreement with a terminal date of January 1979. [He reads the entire note aloud. Attached.]

Rumsfeld: Has this been given to Dobrynin?

President: Yes, it was given to him at 11:15, with a personal two and a half page note from me to Brezhnev.

Brown: There is one new thing here -- a review of the cruise missile range thresholds. What is that?

Rumsfeld: That was to protect against the possibility that we may move into special verifiability problems.

President: It was a DOD proposal.

Rumsfeld: I think that is the reason.



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Scowcroft: That's right.

Brown: The Chiefs will be with you on this, Mr. President. We worked up this same basic package three days ago. The JCS are on record.



✓ For Czech cruise missile delivery this year.
Give Don the letter to Brezhnev.

P/Gun Brown/Bush/Rumsfeld ✓
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(Reads the ^{entire} notes aloud).

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