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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF M. .

SUBJECT: Solzhenitsyn

I am concerned about the Solzhenitsyn issue and its impact on the right wing on the Hill.

One possible solution might be to host a meeting, a luncheon or some other type of event as **soon** as possible for Solzhenitsyn, Nureyev, and Rostropovich.

Both Nureyev and Rostropovich are now appearing in the Kennedy Center before sell out crowds and both are highly publicized exiles but not nearly as controversial, of course, as Solzhenitsyn.

They are all three artists of great talent and the meeting could be held as an artistic and intellectual event rather than any political gathering.

I just don't think this issue is going to go away with the conservatives and, of course, it has adverse impact with the liberals too.

With all due deference to Dr. Kissinger, I believe that if detente is so fragile that it cannot stand a meeting with Solzhenitsyn, it will fall on some other account.

JAC

Jim

I plan to treat this as handwriting.

Trudy