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**June 20, 1975**

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**RUSS**

**RAR:cb**



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

RUSS:

Sorry - I neglected to do  
this one on Friday.

Copies to Kendall and Max  
are attached, too.

cb

*sent  
7/2/40  
K&M*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

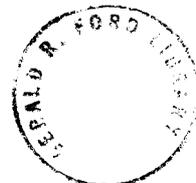
FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

I spoke with both Victor Fediey (Thurmond) and Clint Fuller (Helms) re the Solzhenitsyn matter.

Neither seemed overly upset over the diplomatic turn-down routine that I went through. Quite frankly, I get the very distinct impression that matters may have gone sour on their end. I am confident, therefore, that there will be no adverse political reverberations to the NSC negative recommendation.

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cc: BKendall  
MFriedersdorf



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Washington Post

Tuesday, July 8, 1975

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**“It’s all right to come out now. If you had met  
him, Brezhnev might have disapproved”**



Wash. Post - Thurs., 7/3/75

Joseph Kraft

# Solzhenitsyn's Message

Alexander Solzhenitsyn is a great literary artist with a supreme feel for human suffering. But, as his speech here in Washington the other day makes plain, he hails from a culture



Wash. Post - Fri., 7/4/75

## *Solzhenitsyn's Politics*

**A**LEXANDER SOLZHENTSYN arrived in Washington on the wings of his immense artistic reputation and his great personal stature as one who has suffered as

He has no particular interest in, or knowledge of, foreign affairs. He has a consuming obsession with the destiny of his own people. This is precisely why the

Washington Post  
Tuesday, July 8, 1975

## Helms Scores Treatment of Solzhenitsyn

United Press International

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) charged yesterday that President Ford declined to meet with dissident Russian author Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn because White House advisers warned such a meeting would offend the Soviet Union.

Helms, in a Senate speech, said Mr. Ford's advisers took

Q: Mr. President, recently the distinguished Soviet author, Solzhenitsyn, was in Washington, and the report was that he was unable to see you. If that is correct, why did you not want to see him?

A: The suggestion was made as to the possibility of my meeting with Mr. Solzhenitsyn. However, the original proposal was limited to a particular day because of other plans that Mr. Solzhenitsyn had in other parts of the United States. It was concluded on the date requested that the meeting could not be worked out. I understand that subsequent to the request to the White House, there was a change in his schedule which enabled him to remain in Washington longer than originally expected.

JOM/dl/7-8-75



JUL 12 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Solzhenitsyn

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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.

bcc: ~~Marsh~~  
Rumsfeld  
Chaney  
Hartmann  
Scowcroft  
Nessen



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE

FROM: JACK MARSH *JM*

I think a note should be added to the bottom of the memo dated June 27, something to the effect:

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I want the memo to show that we were advised by the staff to stop pushing, this order was based on experiences they were having with Solzhenitsyn, that this fact was brought to Helms' attention on Monday and that Helms repudiated the information that we had been given.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Senator  
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Solzhenitsyn will be in Washington only today, Monday, June 30.

Telephone Numbers: Office: (919) 755-4630/4444  
Home: (919) 828-6410



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Nessen



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 7, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE R

Helms spoke only briefly about Solzhenitsyn. Specifically, he indicated that he made a statement on the Floor of the Senate (July 7) about "the President's refusal to see Solzhenitsyn."



To: Burnsfield  
From: Friedland

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

2 P.M.  
Tuesday  
Senate Caucus  
Room - (318 RUSSELL  
BLD.)

INVITATION FOR RECEPTION FOR SOLZHENITSYN WAS EXTENDED  
BY THE FOLLOWING SENATORS:

- JACKSON
- BIDEN
- BUMPERS
- CHURCH
- GLENN
- HUMPHREY
- INOUE
- MAGNUSON
- MCCLELLAN
- PASTORE
- RIBICOFF
- STEVENSON
- STONE
- WILLIAMS
- CASE
- BROCK
- BUCKLEY
- HELMS
- JAVIT'S
- PACKWOOD
- ROTH
- SCHWEIKER
- STEVENS
- TAFT
- WEICKER

Bill Kendall  
7-11-75

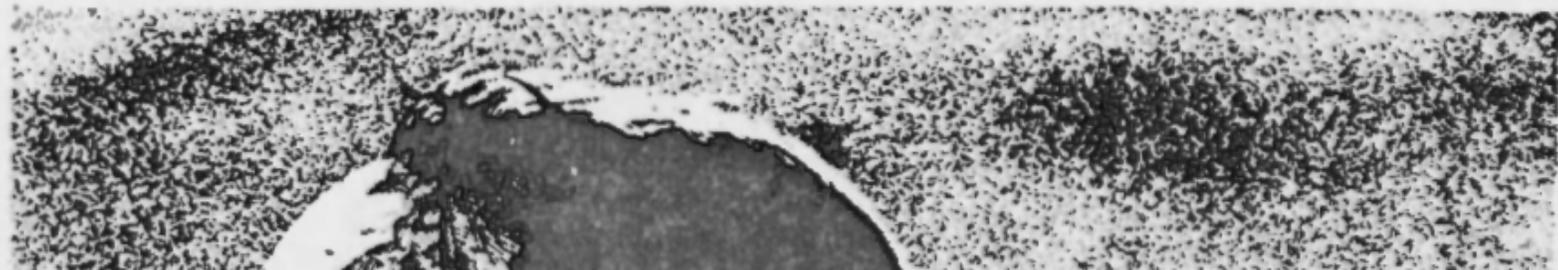


Washington Post - Friday, July 11, 1975

George F. Will

# Solzhenitsyn and the President

The U.S. government may have to expel Alexander Solzhenitsyn from the republic, not only as a hands-across-the-barbed-wire gesture of solidarity with its detente partner, the Soviet government, but also to save



To Russ

Date 7-7 Time 5:35

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M Senator Jesse Helms

of 274-6342

Phone 825

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Number

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RETURNED YOUR CALL

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*el*

Operator

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

\*\* AWAITING  
NSC response to  
HELMS / THURMAN.

To

Russ

Date

7-1-75

Time

11:35

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

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Clint Fuller

of

Sen. Helms

Phone

224-6342

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Message

1. Brent will write  
note to it to  
ask Brent  
Operator

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Hofsten -



1. why didn't go to  
dinner -

2. Helms request - wasn't  
total to book it in - going  
to be here all week -

3. Sales was on Pele,  
Solgenhutzen -

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

4. NSC - ? - No - staff  
system - scheduling  
office - can't believe  
it -

5. \_\_\_\_\_.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Call  
Bud

~~2235~~



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Grant will look  
at it again  
Kessinger*

RUSS - JOM wants you to  
speak with Brent Scowcroft  
on attached, and JOM will  
speak w/Brent after you have  
done so.

Please speak with Brent as  
soon as you return.

cb

*have you talked  
w/Brent?  
Called Bud*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1975

JACK,

Bill Nicholson has just advised me that NSC "would not recommend" a Solzhenitsyn meeting with the President this coming Monday. Apparently, NSC feels that this would be something of an insult to the Soviet Union in that Solzhenitsyn continues to be a burr under the Soviet saddle. There is no indication how adamant NSC is in their position. This matter must, of course, be acted on immediately. I know you will want to consider the Thurmond/Helms, et al., reaction to a direct request for a Presidential meeting for Solzhenitsyn.

Please advise.

R

RUSS



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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RUSS

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Follow up!

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*J. Marsh - Fiji*

June 23, 1975

Dear Senator:

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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

bcc: w/incoming to Warren Rustand for further handling  
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MEMORANDUM TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: JACK MARSH

Brent, I understand that Russ discussed Solzhenitsyn's prospective meeting in a brief conversation with you last week.

You will note that there is a rather tight time element attached to this request. I hope arrangements can be made to accommodate the request of Senators Helms and Thurmond.

RAR:cb



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 23, 1975

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In conversations with the White House Staff, we have indicated that Aleksandr L. Solzhenitsyn will arrive in Washington on June 29. Since, as you know, the United States Senate has unanimously voted that Mr. Solzhenitsyn be proclaimed an honorary citizen of the United States, it would be fitting that he pay his respects to you during his first visit to Washington.

Mr. Solzhenitsyn will be making a well-publicized public appearance on the evening of June 30. We would like to suggest that it would be appropriate for him to meet with you sometime during the day of June 30, if your schedule permits. We hope you agree that a meeting with the President of the United States should take precedence before he makes his first major appearance in our country.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Jesse Helms*

*Strom Thurmond*

JESSE HELMS:ls



**United States Senate**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Jesse Helms*  
**U.S.S.**

**The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.**

June 30, 1975

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RAR/dl



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WASHINGTON

S. is a symbol -  
one of the greatest  
authors of our time -  
a Christian, pro -  
American -

- Office -

919 - 755 - 4630

4444

have 919 - 825 - 6410

2 minutes -

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Clint —  
Victor —

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- Comments come in  
every day —  
∇ ∇

- doesn't want him

TI should have  
seen him

- judgment is a  
mistake -

Jesse  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Helms -

Jesse →  
what it was -

→  
- wants to talk  
up to himself -  
- or a str. telling  
him why -

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

G. Str.

To Russ  
 Date 7-17-75 Time 4:00

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**  
 M Morton Kondrack  
 of Chicago Sun  
 Phone 785-8200  
Area Code      Number      Extension

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RETURNED YOUR CALL

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Operator cl

EFFICIENCY® LINE NO. 4725 AN AMPAD PRODUCT

To Russ  
 Date 7/14/75 Time 6:00

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**  
 M Fred Barnes  
 of The Star  
 Phone 484-4283  
Area Code      Number      Extension

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RETURNED YOUR CALL

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Solzhenitsyn

Presidency: News

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NEWS

White House Receives Mail in Favor of  
Solzhenitsyn Meeting

Secretary of State Kissinger was the advisor who convinced the President not to meet Alexander Solzhenitsyn fearing such a meeting would damage U.S.-Soviet relations, Bob Schieffer (CBS) reported. Ron Nessen said Tuesday that the White House has received 478 pieces of mail against the President's action and no mail in favor of the action. "White House spokesmen who said last week the President did not have time to see the exiled author have said this week they only meant the President didn't have time last week but does have the time now, and would meet him if Solzhenitsyn decides to do so. So far, Solzhenitsyn has not said what he will do," Schieffer reported. -- AP, UPI, CBS (7/15/75)

White House Moving on Solzhenitsyn  
by Fred Barnes  
(Excerpted from the Washington Star)

The White House, alarmed by the adverse reaction to President Ford's refusal to see Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, is ardently trying to extinguish the political flap caused by the affair. In the last four days, the White House has made a special effort publicly and privately to spread the word that the President is now willing to meet with the novelist.

So far, no meeting has been arranged, and it remains to be seen if one will be. But whatever happens, the White House is eager to assuage the critics of the President's earlier decision against seeing Solzhenitsyn.

If a Ford-Solzhenitsyn meeting does occur, that would help counter the criticism, and should no meeting come to pass, the White House is seeking to make the point that Ford has not snubbed the Russian exile.

Ron Nessen first explained July 1 to reporters that the President was simply unable to fit Solzhenitsyn into his schedule, even though he had found the time to meet with soccer star Pele and various beauty queens. The next day, Nessen



N-8

made a further explanation. "For image reasons, the President does like to have some substance in his meetings," he told newsmen, adding that "it is not clear what he would gain by a meeting with Solzhenitsyn."

Some Presidential aides now concede that they misjudged the impact of Ford's refusal to see Solzhenitsyn. They did not begin to sense the political effect of the action until a spate of unfavorable editorials, news stories and cartoons began to appear. So a way to get the President out of the mess was sought, and the press conference which Ford was scheduled to hold on Saturday in Chicago was seized on. Ford, expecting at least one newsman to ask about Solzhenitsyn, was prepared to say that he would be pleased to see the novelist if he were willing to come to the White House. However, no one asked about Solzhenitsyn at the press conference, and this was disconcerting to the President and his aides. To rectify the situation, a White House official called several wire service reporters aside and leaked them the news that Ford had changed his mind. But this was seen as insufficient by the White House. Thus, Nessen announced several hours later on Saturday that Ford would like to meet with Solzhenitsyn.

But this did not constitute an invitation to Solzhenitsyn, and Sen. Jesse Helms noted this fact yesterday in a conversation with an aide. To soothe critics like Helms, an invitation to the Russian author may be what the White House will have to offer. (7/15/75)



C-17

Mr. Solzhenitsyn and Detente  
(Editorial condensed from the Courier-Journal)

The doubts that have persisted about Mr. Solzhenitsyn's political philosophy were strengthened by his recent speeches.

On each occasion, the exiled Russian writer lashed out at Western concepts of detente to lull the West into a false sense of security.

But when he argues for an aggressive policy toward the Soviet Union he is treading in dangerous waters. The slow work of conciliation and persuasion promises to achieve more in the long run than striking belligerent postures.

Nevertheless, President Ford's decision not to meet with the Russian writer during his visit to Washington was ill-advised. Mr. Ford could easily have made clear that he was greeting Mr. Solzhenitsyn as a distinguished Nobel Prizewinner rather than as a critic of the Soviet Union. In refusing, he merely lends authority to the writer's political statements.

More importantly, the President's action was itself contrary to the spirit of detente. For him to feel so constrained, in fact, suggests that there may be some truth in what Mr. Solzhenitsyn is saying. Bending over backwards in deference to presumed Soviet susceptibilities, particularly over so harmless a matter as a White House invitation, is not what detente is about. (7/13/75)



JUL 28 1975

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON



TO: DONALD RUMSFELD  
RICHARD CHENEY  
JERRY JONES  
JAMES CONNOR  
JAMES LYNN  
ROBERT HARTMANN  
JOHN MARSH

FROM: ROBERT GOLDWIN

*RG*

This letter is a good indication of the domestic political consequences of the Solzhenitsyn affair because the man is so obviously a supporter of the President and wants so much to be on his side.

For your information, "UCRA" means University Centers for Rational Alternatives, Inc., an organization of outstanding academics all over the country who opposed racial violence on the campuses in the 60's.

7/25/75

Attachment



DR. ALEXANDER VON GRAEVENITZ  
2064 CHAPEL STREET  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06515

July 19, 1975

Dr. Robert A. Goldwin  
Special Consultant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Goldwin:

I do not generally write letters to the White House but feel compelled to do so now. As one of the original members of UCRA, I thought it best to address my letter to you.

The President's decision not to receive Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn was ill-advised. I do not wish to elaborate on the reasons which other critics have stated and which I do think are valid. I also fully accept the notion that the Presidents acted only on Mr. Kissinger's advice.

But there are two further points to which I have to address myself.

As you know, there are not very many defenders of the President in "academia". I am one of the few Republicans at Yale, and have always upheld the President's side in the face of often overwhelming hostility. Although I have not discussed the Solzhenitsyn affair with anyone here, I feel that the President's decision has severely undercut his intellectual defenders. At this time, the arguments that the intellectual left is blind when it comes to suppression of liberties in Socialist countries are invalid as long as the White House implicitly takes the same stance.

The second point is the increasing weight that is given to Mr. Kissinger's opinion in any matters affecting foreign affairs. I think it is foolish to doubt Mr. Kissinger's competence, as it is fashionable right now - again, in academic circles. But he is not beyond error; and détente is as sensitive as freedom is.

Viewed against the primary issue in the Solzhenitsyn case - the snub of a gifted and outspoken writer who seeks in the West what he could not get in Russia - my points are trifling. Nevertheless, I thought them important enough for the reputation of the President - whom I continue to admire - to write about them. I shall appreciate it if they were brought to the President's attention.

Thank you very much.



Sincerely yours,  
*Alex von Graevenitz*  
Alexander von Graevenitz, M.D.  
Professor of Laboratory Medicine  
Yale University

September 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY  
FROM: JACK MARSH

I think the attached deserves your immediate attention.  
Many thanks.

Attachment

Memo of conversation from Russ with Vic Feday re  
Solzhenitsyn

JOM/rl

*Handwritten:* 9/21/76  
to Ed [unclear]



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WASHINGTON

September 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

Jack, I returned your call from Vic Fadiay. Fadiay advises that following a recent Steering Committee meeting with the President, Jesse Helms, and Strom Thurmond brought up the subject of a possible Solzhenitsyn visit with the President at the White House.

Fadiay said Thurmond told him that the President indicated that he "would like to see Solzhenitsyn". Fadiay now suggests that he's certain that such a meeting "can be arranged, but there are conditions attached to it. We must have an excuse for such a meeting, such as the granting of citizenship to Solzhenitsyn". Fadiay and I then had a lengthy conversation on the subject of the introduction of a private bill by Thurmond and Helms. While time is short, Fadiay said that "with proper signals from the White House, I am confident that we could get a bill through before the adjournment of Congress." I suggested that such a rapid passage was highly unlikely, and Fadiay retorted "the very introduction of such legislation could serve as the foundation (or excuse) for a meeting at the White House between Solzhenitsyn and the President".

In response to my direct inquiry, Fadiay stated that all of the above comments and suggestions reflected Strom Thurmond's own views and desires.

Fadiay is waiting to hear from the White House.

