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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

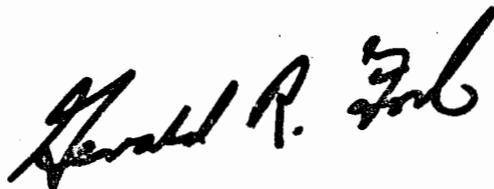
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Again, my thanks for this most thoughtful gesture.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Leonid I. Brezhnev
General Secretary of the Central Committee of
the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
The Kremlin
Moscow



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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ACTION

May 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: Note of Thanks to Brezhnev for Vladivostok Film

On the occasion of Ambassador Dobrynin's May 9 Oval Office call, he delivered General Secretary Brezhnev's gift of a documentary film on your summit meeting in Vladivostok last November.

The letter for your signature to the General Secretary at Tab A would express your thanks for this gift.

The text of your letter has been coordinated with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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NSC MEMO, 11/24/98, STATE DEPT. GUIDELINES
BY *Ma*, NARA, DATE *3/10/04*

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

3471X

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ACTION

May 20, 1975

*Tab I fwded
5-20-75*

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: Mr. Clift *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter of Thanks to Brezhnev for Film

As requested (Tab B), I have drafted a brief note for the President's signature to General Secretary Brezhnev thanking him for the Vladivostok film delivered on May 9 by Ambassador Dobrynin.

The memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab I would forward the letter for his signature. The President's letter has been coordinated with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you sign the memorandum for the President at Tab I.
2. Following Presidential signature, that the letter be delivered to the Soviet Embassy from the White House.

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BY *[Signature]*, NARA, DATE 3/10/04



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1975

Denis Clift:

Ambassador Dobrynin brought in a gift this morning for the President from Brezhnev. It is a short documentary ^{film} on the Vladivostok Summit meeting. Could you please write a short thank you note.

Many thanks.

Bob

[FYI: The President's office has the film - holding it for the President's viewing.]

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SUBSECTIONS

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Oct. 13

Deni s:

Nell Yates brought this around. It was presented to the President by the Soyuz Astronauts today in their meeting.

Mary



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JEANNE W. DAVIS

JW
Jeanne,

Inasmuch as the President personally acknowledged both the attached medal and the letter from General Secretary Brezhnev presented by the Cosmonauts on October 13, I believe no further acknowledgement or correspondence is necessary. (The letter from Brezhnev in fact responds to a similar missive the President sent with the Astronauts.)

Accordingly, the medal can be forwarded to the gift unit and Brezhnev's letter to Central Files.


A. Denis Cliff

*agree
jmd*



Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your personal message of greetings conveyed to me in Moscow by General Thomas Stafford. I would like to use the occasion of the visit to your country by cosmonauts Aleksey Leonov and Valeriy Kubasov to respond to your letter.

I view as symbolic both the successful accomplishment of the first in history joint international space flight of the spaceships SOYUZ-19 and APOLLO and the joint tours by the crews of the spaceships in the Soviet Union and the United States. In both cases our cosmonauts and your astronauts act as messengers of good will representing the aspiration of the peoples of the two countries toward peaceful cooperation.

In this, I see yet another confirmation of the fruitfulness of the course of the comprehensive improvement of the Soviet-American relations we have jointly undertaken. I willingly share your remarks regarding the necessity to continue this work and wishes that the mutually beneficial cooperation and good relations between our countries should be further developed.

Please, accept, Mr. President, my congratulations and best wishes to you and your family.

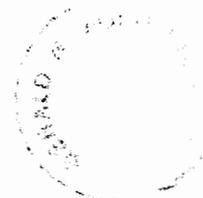
I would like once again to convey greetings and best regards to American astronauts Stafford, Brand, Slayton and their families, who have recently been warmly received here as friends by our people.

Sincerely,

L. BREZHNEV

October 10, 1975

His Excellency
GERALD R. FORD
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.





Уважаемый господин Президент,

Благодарю Вас за Ваше личное приветственное послание, переданное мне в Москве генералом Томасом Стаффордом. Хотел бы воспользоваться поездкой в Вашу страну космонавтов Алексея Леонова и Валерия Кубасова, чтобы ответить на Ваше письмо.

Мне представляются символичными как само успешное осуществление первого в истории совместного международного космического полета кораблей "Союз-19" и "Аполлон", так и совместные поездки экипажей кораблей по Советскому Союзу и Соединенным Штатам. И в том и в другом случае наши и ваши космонавты выступают как посланцы доброй воли, олицетворяя стремление народов обеих стран к мирному сотрудничеству.

Я вижу в этом еще одно подтверждение благотворности совместно взятого нами курса на всестороннее улучшение советско-американских отношений. Охотно разделяю Ваши высказывания о необходимости продолжать эту работу и пожелания того, чтобы взаимовыгодное сотрудничество и добрые отношения между нашими странами получили дальнейшее развитие.

Примите, г-н Президент, мои поздравления и наилучшие пожелания Вам и Вашей семье.

Мне хотелось бы еще раз передать привет и добрые пожелания американским космонавтам Стаффорду, Бранду, Слейтону и их семьям, которых наш народ недавно тепло принимал у себя как друзей.

С уважением

Л. БРЕЖНЕВ

10 октября 1975 года

Его Превосходительству
Джеральду Р. Форду,
Президенту Соединенных Штатов
Америки
Белый дом, Вашингтон

Л. Брежнев



**ЕГО ПРЕВОСХОДИТЕЛЬСТВУ
ДЖЕРАЛЬДУ Р. ФОРДУ,
ПРЕЗИДЕНТУ СОЕДИНЕННЫХ ШТАТОВ АМЕРИКИ**

Вашингтон, Белый дом



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SUBJECT *The Apollo-Soyuz Cosmonauts presents the
 Apollo Medal during their Mtg on Oct 13,
 1975*

INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION

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November 20, 1975

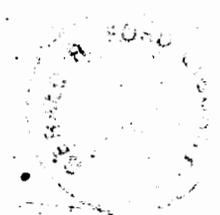
Dear Mr. President,

I have just received your letter of November 16. I would like to say from the outset that we also are concerned by the state of affairs developing recently in the relations between our countries, particularly in connection with a problem which we both consider as a first and foremost problem. I have in mind the working out on the basis of the Vladivostok agreement of a new Agreement on strategic arms limitations which, as it was agreed, should be signed during my visit to the United States.

We share your opinion that it is necessary to make energetic efforts to resolve remaining questions which delay the completion of the preparation of this Agreement. On our part we are ready to continue discussing these questions in constructive way. At the same time we are entitled - in the light of major steps made by us - to expect that the American side also will display a necessary constructive approach to finding out of mutually acceptable solutions.

These are the very considerations which urged me to send to you my letter of October 27. We, of course, are ready to receive Secretary H. Kissinger in Moscow to discuss the questions of strategic arms limitations, as well as to exchange opinions on the whole complex of the Soviet-American relations. The most convenient time for this would be December 18-19.

Beside the problem of strategic arms limitations there are, of course, other major problems of international character for the solution of which both of our countries can do a great deal. There are questions of bilateral nature which await their solution. We are in favour of moving ahead along the whole range of the So-



viet-american relations, moving ahead in the interests of further development of these relations, in the interests of strengthening the process of relaxation as a whole.

Sincerely,

L. Brezhnev



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Date: 2/19/76
NSC log # 7601001

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Leonid Brezhnev
From: President Ford
Date: February 18, 1976
Subject: The President thanks Brezhnev for gifts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

 Draft reply for: President's Signature
 White House Staff
 Other

 Direct reply Furnish info copy

XXXX Dispatch Translation

 Recommendations/Comments Appropriate Handling

 Other Information

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

Jeanne W. Davis
for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1976

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

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I also want to express my gratitude for the splendid pipes and blend of tobacco which I recently received through the courtesy of Ambassador Dobrynin. You may be sure this gift will provide many hours of enjoyment. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

With warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev
General Secretary of the Central
Committee of the Communist
Party of the Soviet Union
Moscow



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For Denis Cift

Please clear.



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Carole / Jeanne Davis
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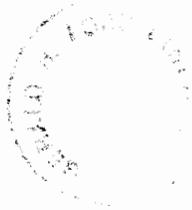
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 18, 1976

TO: MARGE WICKLEIN *Mick*
FROM: MICHAEL HORNBLOW

This is with reference ^{to} your memo of February 13 to Jeanne Davis (see attachment). The draft letter to Brezhnev from the President should be updated to take into account the pipes which Ambassador Dobrynin delivered to the President on February 16.

Attachment



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jeanne Davis

FROM:

Marge Wicklein
Marge Wicklein

The attached draft is submitted to you for approval or for whatever changes you deem necessary. Please verify the salutation and address and return it to me and I will run it by Roland Elliott for review prior to final typing.

Draft acknowledgment to:

His Excellency
Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev
General Secretary of the Central
Committee of the Communist
Party of the Soviet Union
Moscow



D R A F T

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

Mrs. Ford and I want to thank you for the gifts which you so thoughtfully sent through Secretary of State Kissinger. We were most pleased to be remembered with these special products of the Soviet Union, and your kindness is deeply appreciated.

With our warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

GRF

His Excellency
Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev
General Secretary of the Central
Committee of the Communist
Party of the Soviet Union
Moscow

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James B. Moran, Executive Director on Secretary Kissinger's staff says that when they ~~were~~ were at the airport in Moscow preparatory to departing for home, a call came in saying a car was bringing some gifts for the President. The package was about the size of a suitcase. FYI = a similar package was given to the Secretary at that time.

2/13/70



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

LS No. 54170
LA/DZ

TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: Russian
Date of Communication: --
Addressed to: The President
Name and address of writer:

Full Translation:
~~Substance of writer's statement~~

The envelope is addressed to: His Excellency
Gerald Rudolph Ford
President of the United States of America

The enclosed card: Leonid Il'ich Brezhnev
General Secretary of the
Central Committee of the
Communist Party of the Soviet Union



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Леонид Ильич
Брежнев

Генеральный секретарь Центрального
Комитета Коммунистической партии
Советского Союза



Его превосходительству
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Президенту Соединенных Штатов Америки



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THE WHITE HOUSE
Mail Reception and Security Office

2/2/76
DATE

Translating Bureau:

The attached () Letter () Card () Correspondence
addressed to: Pres Ford is submitted for
translation.

The enclosed Card written in Russian *(and wrapper)*
is submitted for translation of () Title () Inscription
() and/ or a brief summary of the subject matter.

The Gift (s) Caviar and alcoholic beverages is ~~BEING~~ BEING HELD IN RM. 45
is/are being held in the White House Mail Reception and
Security Office.

Upon completion, please return to Room 45 E.C.B.

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WASHINGTON
THE WHITE HOUSE
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COPY

December 20, 1974

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

I want to thank you for your generous hospitality during my brief stay in Vladivostok. The warmth of your welcome gave special meaning to our discussions. The magnificent gifts you presented will serve as constant and pleasant reminders of our meeting.

Mrs. Ford joins me in sending our warmest best wishes to you and Mrs. Brezhneva.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev
General Secretary of the Central
Committee of the Communist
Party of the Soviet Union
Moscow

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

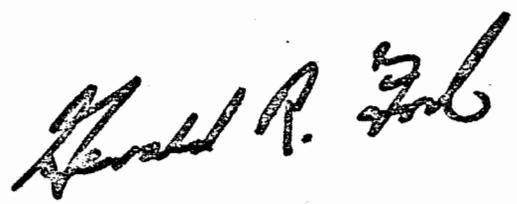
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Again, my thanks for this most thoughtful gesture.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
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General Secretary of the Central Committee of
the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
The Kremlin
Moscow



February 18, 1976

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

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I also want to express my gratitude for the splendid pipes and blend of tobacco which I recently received through the courtesy of Ambassador Dobrynin. You may be sure this gift will provide many hours of enjoyment. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

With warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

**His Excellency
Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev
General Secretary of the Central
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Moscow**

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GIFT



HP
February 18, 1976

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Sincerely,

His Excellency
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General Secretary of the Central
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Moscow

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GIFT



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February 18, 1976

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With warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

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General Secretary of the Central
Committee of the Communist
Party of the Soviet Union
Moscow**

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GIFT



D R A F T

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

Mrs. Ford and I want to thank you for the ^{gifts} ~~remembrances~~ which you so thoughtfully sent through Secretary of State Kissinger. We were most pleased to be remembered with the caviar and other special products of the Soviet Union.

I also want to express my gratitude for the ~~the~~ splendid pipes and blend of tobacco which I recently received through the courtesy of Ambassador Dobrynin. You may be sure this gift will provide many hours of enjoyment. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

With warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

GRF



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SUBJECT: *Res thank you ltr to Despreux in gift of Caviar & other special products of the Soviet Union*

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WHITE HOUSE MAIL
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1976

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

On the occasion of the fourth meeting of the US-USSR Trade and Economic Council in Moscow, I want to convey my personal greetings and share with you my thoughts regarding economic relations between our countries and the related work of the Council.

The Basic Principles of Relations between the United States and the Soviet Union signed in 1972 and re-confirmed at our meeting in Vladivostok recognized the importance of the normalization of economic ties as an important element in the effort to build a more constructive relationship based on mutual interest and mutual benefit. This objective has had and will continue to have my full support.

In recent years, contact between American and Soviet business and industry -- to which the US-USSR Trade and Economic Council has contributed importantly -- has helped to achieve substantial progress in our economic relations. Working in coordination with the Soviet and American governments, the Council has encouraged the expansion of trade, enhanced economic relations and identified the challenges and opportunities of growth in these areas.

The results have been impressive. Overall trade between our countries has grown from less than \$200 million in 1970 to more than \$2 billion so far this year. By contributing to this remarkable

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expansion, the US-USSR Trade and Economic Council and its individual members have promoted the mutual interests of both the United States and the Soviet Union.

The achievements of the US-USSR Trade and Economic Council in promoting growth in our trade relations and in attracting the participation in its activities of senior representatives of American business and their Soviet counterparts speaks well for the future success of the Council and for continued improvement in US-USSR economic relations and the further development of constructive, mutually beneficial relations between our two countries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

His Excellency
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