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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

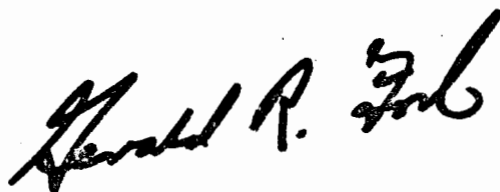
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As the film records with skill and clarity, our initial meeting and talks last November marked an important step forward in the continuing efforts of the United States and the Soviet Union to improve mutually beneficial relations and to lessen the chance of war.

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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



dispatched to IL for hand delivery to USSR Embassy - 5/23/75 - (mjt)

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

15/5/21  
3471X

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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 *Mh*, 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.

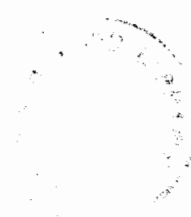
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BY *[Signature]*, NARA, DATE 3/10/04



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1975

Denis Clift:

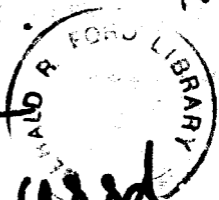
Ambassador Dobrynin brought in a gift this morning for the President from Brezhnev. It is a short documentary <sup>film</sup> on the Vladivostok Summit meeting. Could you please write a short thank you note.

Many thanks.

Bob

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

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Letter to Journal

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NSC CORRESPONDENCE PROFILE

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SUBJECT: Pres thank you ltr to Brezhnev -

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STAFF SECRETARY				MEMO FOR PRES ( )
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EUROPE / CANADA				RECOMMENDATIONS ( )
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UNITED NATIONS				REFER TO FOR: ( )
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SCIENTIFIC				CONCURRENCE ( )
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				DUE DATE:
NSC PLANNING				COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)
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OCEANS POLICY				
INTELLIGENCE				

*Wickham, Marge*  
*Lenah, M*

*Should not have been an X-item*

SUBSECTIONS

DATE	FROM	TO	S	SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN):	CY TO
5/20		HAK	X	Pres to sign ltr to Brezhnev (5/26)	
5/20		Pres	P	Decision	
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DISPATCH \_\_\_\_\_

CY RQMTS: SEE ABOVE PLUS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFY \_\_\_\_\_ & DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DISPOSITION: Hand delivered to the USSR Embassy

CROSS REF W/ \_\_\_\_\_

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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

JWD  
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 Clift

*agree*  
*jm*



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.

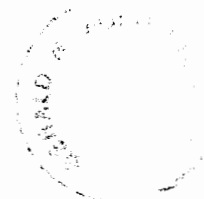
I would like once again to convey greetings and best regards to American astronauts Stafford, Brand, Slayton and their families, who have recently been warmly received here as friends by our people.

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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CORRESPONDENCE PROFILE

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*Gates, D.*

TO: PRES \_\_\_\_\_  
 KISSINGER \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCOWCROFT \_\_\_\_\_  
 DAVIS *#* \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: KISSINGER, H \_\_\_\_\_  
 COLBY, W \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCHLESINGER, J \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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ACTION REQUIRED

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 MEMO FOR PRES ..... (\_\_\_\_\_)  
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 APPROPRIATE ACTION ..... (\_\_\_\_\_)  
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 RECOMMENDATIONS ..... (\_\_\_\_\_)  
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 ANY ACTION NECESSARY? ..... (\_\_\_\_\_)  
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 DUE DATE:

COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

DATE	FROM	S	SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN):	CY TO
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			<i>Thanks</i>	
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November 20, 1975

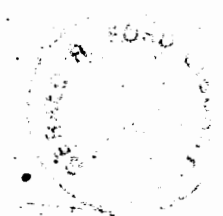
Dear Mr. President,

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  
REFERRAL

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:

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DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Jeanne W. Davis*  
for Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1976

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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



2/17

For Denis Cift

Please clear.



Care of

Card of Jeanne Davis  
 This should be updated  
 by Marge Wicklein  
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 Bregman to the President.  
 Thanks are also  
 required for the pipes.

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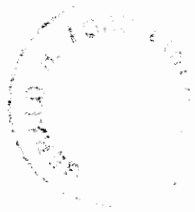
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 18, 1976

TO: MARGE WICKLEIN *Mick*  
FROM: MICHAEL HORNBLOW

This is with reference <sup>to</sup> 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

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With our warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

GRF

His Excellency  
Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev  
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Moscow

MH

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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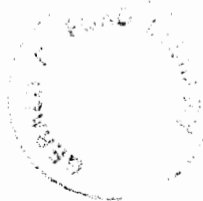
Леонид Ильич  
Брежнев

Генеральный секретарь Центрального  
Комитета Коммунистической партии  
Советского Союза



Его превосходительству  
ДЖЕРАЛЬДУ РУДОЛЬФУ ФОРДУ

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 ~~XXXXXX~~ RM. 45  
is/are being held in the White House Mail Reception and  
Security Office. BEING HELD IN

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

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WASHINGTON  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
MAIL RECEPTION AND SECURITY UNIT

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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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GIFT



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WASHINGTON

May 23, 1975

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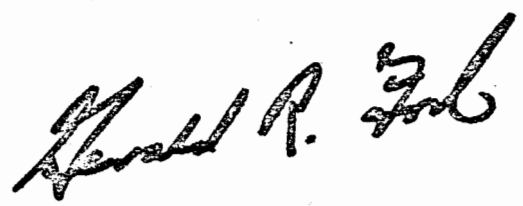
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Again, my thanks for this most thoughtful gesture.

Sincerely,



His Excellency  
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General Secretary of the Central Committee of  
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The Kremlin  
Moscow



**February 18, 1976**

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**With warmest best wishes.**

**Sincerely,**

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**GRF/mfw/mh/NSC/mw**

**GIFT**



HP  
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**With warmest best wishes.**

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

**GRF/mfw/mh/NSC/mw**

**GIFT**



D R A F T

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

Mrs. Ford and I want to thank you for the ~~remembrances~~ <sup>gifts</sup> 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  
 re gift of Caviar & other special  
 products of the Soviet Union*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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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.

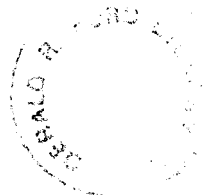
The Basic Principles of Relations between the United States and the Soviet Union signed in 1972 and re-confirmed at our meeting in Vladivostok recognized the importance of the normalization of economic ties as an important element in the effort to build a more constructive relationship based on mutual 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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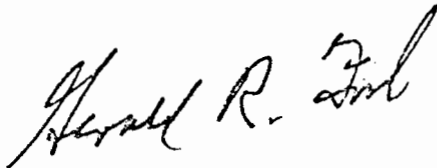
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expansion, the US-USSR Trade and Economic Council and its individual members have promoted the mutual interests of both the United States and the Soviet Union.

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

