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Small Steps, Little Gifts

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Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum

What Had Congressman Jerry Done?



Moscow was a disappointment in some respects, a revelation in others. The subway system is far superior to anything in the U. S. in service, cleanliness, and equipment. In certain areas in rocketry, particularly thrust or propulsion, the USSR exceeds us. However, in consumer goods such as clothing, automobiles, appliances, etc., the Soviet citizen is far behind an American. Huge apartment houses have been built in Moscow and such construction is continuing at an increasing tempo. However, the accommodations are far below our standards with serious over-crowding as the rule rather than the exception. I'm no expert on construction methods or results but I'll stick with our American building tradesmen and contractors.

Our group visited the American exhibit which was held this summer in Moscow. About 3 million Russians paid a ruble each to see this exhibit. The demand for tickets was so great a black market developed for them. The U. S. funds spent on this project were a good investment. We could be proud of the planning and management of the Exhibit and all should be grateful for the outstanding job done by the young Americans who were the guides for the Russians who came to see our show.



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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: July 7, 1972 at 1400, Yokota Air Base

PARTICIPANTS: Representative Gerald Ford
Representative Hale Boggs
Ambassador Robert S. Ingersoll
Richard A. Smith, Jr., Staff Assistant

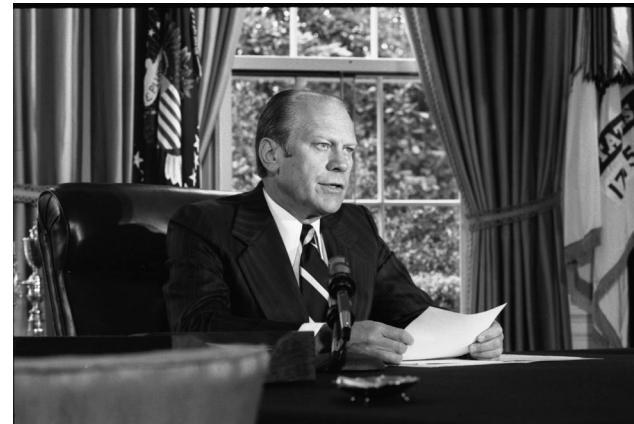
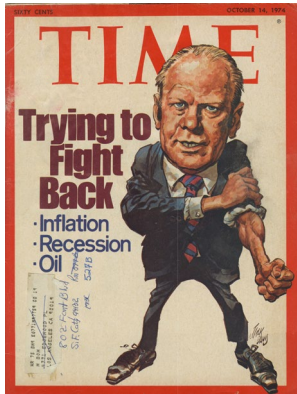
- The Ambassador met with Congressmen Ford and Boggs for 15 minutes as they were passing through Yokota en route from Peking and Hong Kong to Washington.
- The Ambassador asked what information the two congressmen could offer that would aid the Ambassador in his mission.
- Mr. Ford said that their stay in China was most informative and that the Chinese had been extremely cordial. They met Chou En-lai for an extended meeting during which Chou asked that his comments be related only to the President. Mr. Ford said that Chou En-lai exhibited concern over the possibility of a precipitous U. S. military withdrawal from Asia because the USSR and Japan might move into the vacuum. On one occasion, Chou said "You can't reduce your military appropriations by \$30 million, can you?" Mr. Ford said that Chou's tone was less of a question and more of a request. "Please don't." The only time Chou spoke any English was when Mr. Ford asked him if he thought the USSR would reduce its armaments. He said, "Never, never, never!" In the context of our maintaining our military posture in the world and our deterrent forces, Chou specifically brought up two weapons systems-- the D-4 and ULMS.
- Chou recognized that our military bases in Japan represent a major portion of our entire military presence in Asia and that it has been argued that these bases obviate the need for Japan to rearm. However, Chou did interject the thought that our military presence in Japan could spark anti-U. S. sentiments and nationalism and therefore spur Japanese rearmament. He had concern over this possibility.

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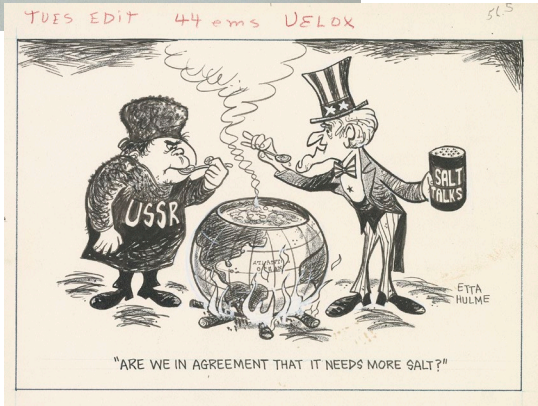
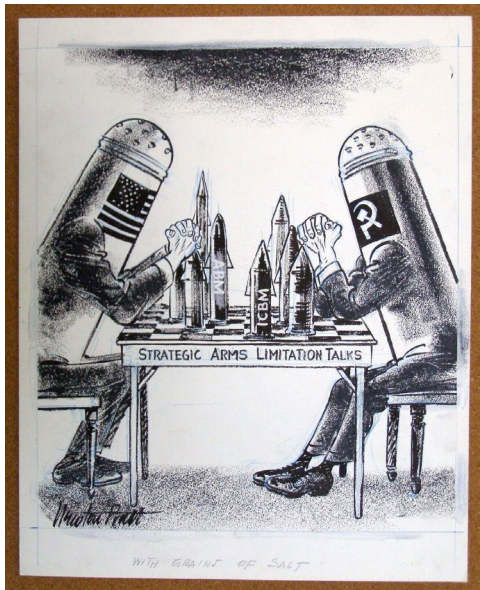


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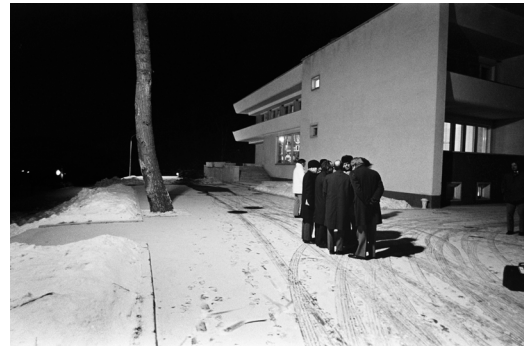


Inheriting SALT 1





The Vladivostok Trip



Starting SALT II

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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President Ford: I would like to discuss the negotiating strategy to follow for SALT. If there is a decision for Henry to go to Moscow, he will first talk to Dobrynin, then leave for Henry to the Soviet Union the night of the 19th, after my State of the Union address.

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Secretary Rumfeld: I haven't had a chance to read it yet.

Secretary Kissinger: The announcement of my trip to Moscow is set for tomorrow. We can't postpone the announcement.

Secretary Rumfeld: I haven't read the paper yet and I want to study it before I comment. I am not embarrassed to say that.

Secretary Kissinger: The announcement of my trip is set for tomorrow.

Secretary Rumfeld: But you had publicly stated that you didn't want to go to Moscow until we had our position settled. You are prejudging the decision.

President Ford: Don, why don't you work with George (Brown) and Bill (Colby) on your view of the approach. This is the right thing to do, and I want you to do it.

As I have studied the options, this variant is no major shift from Option IV in original terms. If you can come back tonight, we can look at this and Angola at the same time, so we will know better where we stand on Angola and SALT.

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Director Colby: I take a little question on Henry's point. Breshnev will not be under great pressure to give in to us - if anything it will be just the opposite. There is an incentive to him to be a good strong leader to his "apparatchiks" before the Party Congress. A little toughening occurs before the Party Congress.

Secretary Kissinger: Except he has been pressuring for this trip. For the trip to fall would not be an easy decision for him.

Mr. Hilland: As was shown in the case of the ABM Treaty, the effect of the Party Congress is to wrap something up to have to present to the Congress. The toughest situation would be one in which he would have no program to explain.

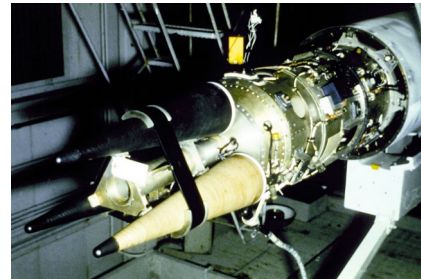
Mr. Sonnenfeldt: This is important to Breshnev since time is running out.

President Ford: There is the health factor. Don, I would like it if you would let me have your paper by 6:00 tonight giving me your thoughts and reactions. I also want to talk with you and Henry about Angola.

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Apollo-Soyuz



Unofficial translation

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.





Helsinki Accords

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July 18, 1975

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HE President Gerald R. Ford
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jerry,

We ask you not to sign the "Arms Treaty" with Russia at Helsinki. It would be wrong to undermine our military strength by giving her a tremendous advantage. She does not honor agreements. We cannot assist her in destroying us.

You do not want to be recorded in history as the President who sold out our freedom.

Kindest regards,
Frank
Frank J. Brady

/s/

P.S. Alpha Sigma Phi Michigan, 1934



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August 30, 1975

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The President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The criticism of your having signed the Helsinki agreement does not seem to die down. Perhaps a small voice of support is welcome. Attached I am sending you an article I wrote for our small local paper, which was published as a letter to the editor.

Respectfully yours,
V. Alin
V. Alin

cc: Dr. Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.





Let's Talk About Gifts

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NOVEMBER 22, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary
(Seoul, South Korea)

THE WHITE HOUSE

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

GIFTS FROM PRESIDENT PARK TO PRESIDENT FORD:

Photograph and a black lacquer box with mother of pearl. The lacquer box is a replica of the box on President Park's desk.

For Mrs. Ford, a Korean smokey topaz bracelet.

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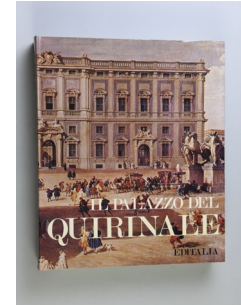
June 3, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary
(Rome, Italy)

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford and President Leone met in President Leone's office in the Quirinale Palace about 1:45 p.m. today to exchange gifts. President Ford presented the Italian President with a set of coins featuring the busts of 20th Century U.S. Presidents and a bust of a young man. In return, President Ford received a gold plated three piece coffee service a book on the history of the Quirinale Palace and a small sculptured stone cigarette box.

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7/3/24, 9:50 AM Federal Register :: Office of the Chief of Protocol; Gifts to Federal Employees From Foreign Government Sources Reported To Employing Agencies

GIFTS FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT PARK:

Cybis porcelain limited-edition sculpture grouping of two colorfully-decorated American Indian Chieftans entitled "At the Council Fire", 11 3/4" tall, 9 1/4" front-to-back and 16 1/4" wide, mounted on walnut base with walnut presentation case.

Presidential portrait photograph in a silver frame with the Presidential seal.

For Miss Park Keun Hae, Gorham floral arrangement of gilt and apricot-colored enameled blossoms amidst green foliage in which and gold oval porcelain container, 9" tall, 9" wide.

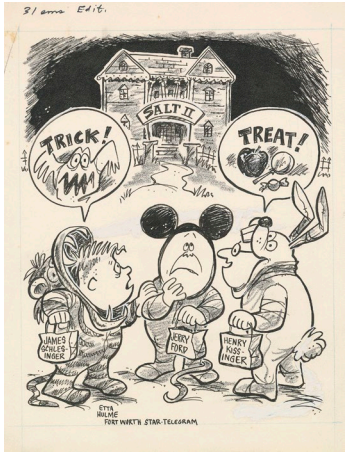
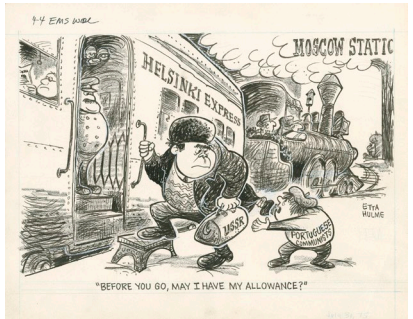


Name and title of person accepting the gift on behalf of the U.S. Government	Gift, date of acceptance on behalf of the U.S. Government, estimated value, and current disposition or location	Identity of foreign donor and government	Circumstances justifying acceptance
The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr., President of the United States	Painting titled "At Parika Stelling (Guyana)." Rec'd—3/2/2022 Est. Value—\$650.00 Disposition—Transferred to NARA.	His Excellency Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana	Non-acceptance would cause embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government.
The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr., President of the United States	Basket made of Werregue Fiber, Handwoven Hammock Rec'd—3/24/2022 Est. Value—\$600.00 Disposition—Transferred to NARA.	His Excellency Iván Duque, President of the Republic of Colombia	Non-acceptance would cause embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government.

Other Gifts



Classroom Idea #1





Classroom Idea #2





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