

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Delegation of Young Soviet Journalists
(List Attached at Tab A)
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs
Ron Nessen, Press Secretary to the President

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 23, 1975
1:22 - 1:45 p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

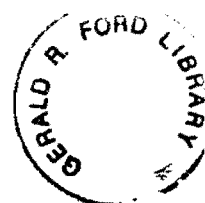
President: Let me welcome you not only to Washington, but to the White House in particular.

Mr. Gubarev: We are very grateful for your receiving us in the White House. We want to thank not only the political leaders of the USA, but the whole American nation. We have been received very warmly on our tour. We are here for the first time and we have seen a great deal of America. They say it is better to see something for oneself than to read about it 100 times, and this is very important for mutual understanding. We will write that the American people are in favor of detente and better relations between our two countries.

President: I have seen where you have been. I think you have seen the great variety of our country. While I come from Michigan, my second favorite place is Colorado. I went there last month to ski.

I had the privilege of visiting your country last November. I enjoyed meeting the General Secretary. It was a very productive visit and I hope this meeting is the beginning of a personal relationship and will further contribute to detente.

Mr. Gubarev: We followed your visit with interest.



President: I enjoyed seeing that part of your country. It whetted my appetite to visit again.

Mr. Gubarev: It is very cold there. And you were without a hat!

President: I am looking forward to General Secretary Brezhnev's visit here next summer. We will finalize the agreements we reached at Vladivostok, and I think they will make a contribution not only to the relations between us but indeed for the peace of the whole world.

Mr. Gubarev: This is an important year for us. We will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the end of the War. Every family in the Soviet Union lost someone in the War. For us, nothing is more terrible than war.

President: What we hope to achieve, not only through the Vladivostok agreement, but through the other elements of our relationship, is to avoid and eliminate the contentious and potentially explosive points of contact in the world. What our two countries have done is an example to the world of what can be done.

Mr. Gubarev: This is only the beginning. We would like to visit the United States many more times.

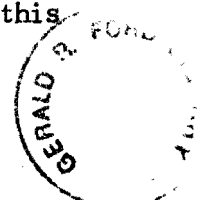
President: Would anyone else like to say something?

Member of Delegation: We have heard so many good wishes from the American people here: "Have a good time," "enjoy yourselves." We would like to reciprocate to the American people on behalf of the Soviet people.

President: We would like to welcome you here again in the future. You will find the same warmth wherever you go. Many Americans would like to visit the Soviet Union, and I am sure they will find the same kind of reception.

Mr. Gubarev: I am the chairman of the program. We are supporting exchanges among other kinds of organizations with the United States. Thank you for the time to receive us. We hope that in the future you will meet other young people's organizations.

President: I hope you enjoyed hearing Ron Nessen's briefing. Our press often give him a hard time. I will be going before some reporters this evening and I must prepare for their sharp questions.

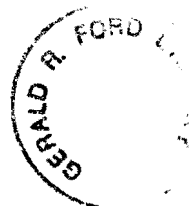


I hope you have had a delightful and educational experience. I am encouraged by the contacts I have had with the General Secretary in Vladivostok and with your Ambassador in Washington. I think that our two countries have a great opportunity in setting an example for people everywhere.

[The delegation presents the President with a gift of a crystal rose.]

Thank you very much. Mrs. Ford likes flowers. When I went to Vladivostok I got a wolf coat in Alaska. The General Secretary admired it and when I left I put it on him. He had a pleased expression.

[The President gave each of the journalists a tie clasp and pin. The meeting ended.]



SOVIET JOURNALIST DELEGATION

1. Aleksey Nikolayevich BURMISTENKO, junior researcher, Journalism Department, Moscow State University.
 2. Igor' Vasil' Yevich GORELOV, deputy chief editor, "Rovesnik."
 3. Vladimir Stepanovich GUBAREV, deputy chief editor, Komsomol'skaya Pravda.
 4. Nikolay Ivanovich KIPORENKO, editor, Komsomol'skoye Znamya, Kiev.
 5. Mark Dmitriyevich MARKIN, section manager, USSR Committee of Youth Organizations.
 6. Aleksandr Viktorovich SADIKOV, instructor, Moscow Institute for Foreign Languages.
 7. Aleksandr Sergeyevich SHCHERBAKOV, supervisory secretary, "Zhurnalist."
 8. Vladimir Hikolayevich SHMYGANOVSKIY, deputy editor, Izvestiya.
 9. Nikolay Petrovich SOKOLOV, editor, Znamya Yunosti, Minsk.
 10. Galina Sergeyevna VASIL'YEVA, deputy chief editor, "Sovetskaya Zhenshchina."
 11. Anatoly Aleksandrovich VORONOV, editor Moskovskiye Novosti.
 12. Gennadiy FEDOSOV, First Secretary, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C.
 13. Vladimir ZHARKOV, Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C.
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14. Ms. Galina TUNIK, State Department Interpreter.
 15. Ms. Raisa PETROFF, State Department Interpreter.



16. Mr. Mort ALLIN, ACYPL Escort.
17. Mr. Peter TABET, ACYPL Deputy Director.
18. Ms. Betsye MORRISON, ACYPL Program Coordinator.
19. Mr. R. Spencer OLIVER, ACYPL Executive Director.



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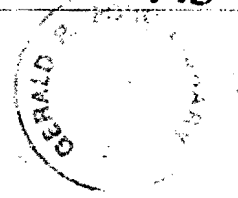
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US Army base Texas, we think

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we would like to represent for Army people.

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go. My Army would like to visit SO and
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Chick I know of this party. We are supporting schemes
of other kinds of projects w/ US. Thank you
for putting time for us. We hope in future
you will find other young people projects (?)

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