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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Cyrus Vance CV

1. Meeting with Dobrynin: I met this morning with Dobrynin. He said that Gromyko wished to suggest that he and I meet first some-time between September 1 and September 10 at a location in Europe, and asked that I suggest a location. I sent word back that the time would be satisfactory and suggested Vienna. He and I will be meeting again later that month, probably in New York.

I then told Dobrynin there were two matters that I wished to raise with him. I told him that I was deeply concerned about the continuing personal attacks in the Soviet press on you. I said I was especially concerned in light of the fact that you had raised this matter with Dobrynin six weeks ago and there had been no change for the better. I suggested that he convey my concern and feelings to Moscow.

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I then asked him whether he had any view on the desirability and feasibility of a meeting between you and General Secretary Brezhnev sometime in the fall even though no SALT agreement had been reached by October 3. He responded that he had no official response that he could give me but said that he would give me his personal reaction. He then said that he personally felt that this would be desirable because he believed that the two of you would get along well once you met face to face and this could serve to dispel the mutual suspicions that appear to exist. I told him that I also felt it would be desirable and suggested that he might wish to raise the matter with Moscow. I emphasized that we were not pushing for this but would be interested in knowing Moscow's reaction. He said he understood that we were merely thinking out loud and would raise the question with Moscow. He emphasized he did not know what the answer would be.

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I then told him that I was concerned about the state of relations between our two countries and felt it was not in the interest of either nation or the world in general for this condition to exist. He said he shared my concern and we talked at some length about the views in Moscow concerning our Administration and the Moscow thinking about various items. It was useful for me to hear their views about our Administration and some of the key issues as seen from the Soviet perspective.

*You may tell them officially that S. has never been in CIA*

I then raised with him the Shcharansky matter and urged that they not proceed with the trial. I told him that this could only exacerbate relations with the United States and would surely create a bad view of the Soviet Union in the eyes of world opinion. He told me the matter was now in the hands of the Court and must go forward. I urged that they reconsider this decision.

I then told him about my up-coming dinner with the Chinese next week and the fact that I now had a date to go to China during the third week of August. I told him I wanted him to hear this directly from me rather than read about it in the paper.

I just received a telephone call from Dobrynin who said that he had just received word from Gromyko on the proposed Indian Ocean talks. They suggest they be held in Moscow starting on June 21st and expects that they will run for about two weeks. Their delegation will be headed by Ambassador-at-Large Mendelevich. I know him. He is extremely able. His Deputy will be Admiral Amel'ko. The other two members of the delegation will be a representative of the Defense Ministry and someone from the Foreign Office.

*I agree*

2. Helicopters for Colombia: We have been delaying the delivery of three helicopters previously promised to Colombia as part of our narcotics control program. This action was occasioned by recent intelligence reports indicating that Colombian government officials are extensively involved in cocaine trafficking and that corruption is proving a serious obstacle in the narcotics interdiction effort in that country. Peter Bourne and Mathea Falco, my advisor on narcotics matters, will visit Colombia in late June to discuss the corruption issue with the President. In view of the circumstances involved in this matter, I believe that we should continue to withhold delivery of the helicopters pending the outcome of the Bourne/Falco visit.

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