

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION - WAH AND PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1976

President-elect Carter telephoned me today to say that he wanted to personally extend his best wishes on my birthday and that he would have liked to have been able to come to yesterday's birthday luncheon. I told him that his telegram was read to applause, and I was grateful to him for sending it.

He has my message concerning Dobrynin. He wanted me to carry on with my contacts but of course with no agreements or negotiations, only a channel of communication *between him & Brezhnev.*

I told him that Ambassador Dobrynin had been here this morning to deliver a book for my birthday from General Secretary Brezhnev. I told him that Dobrynin mentioned the fact that he had noted President-elect Carter's statements at his press conference about Brezhnev's speech at the plenary and Gromyko's memorandum to the United Nations as finding favorable statements in them. I told him the Ambassador had noted this and was grateful and I hope will pass them on.

I told him of Brezhnev's stopping our Chargé at the October Revolution Reception in the receiving line and

telling him of his desire and that of the Soviet leadership to improve relations between the US/USSR. He said he was glad to hear that.

I asked him if there was anything he wanted me to get done. I told him that I couldn't get the Cuban troops out of Angola, but if there was anything else that I could do I would *try*.

He asked me what Brezhnev expects. I told him that I think Brezhnev appreciates his taking note of the statements mentioned above and that I am sure he would be grateful to hear of this. He said of course he was very limited in any actions he can take until after January 20th, and he expects that Brezhnev realizes that.

He said he was going to see Kissinger over the weekend and come to Washington early next week. I offered to go to Plains from Hobe Sound and he said he would let me know and that he would like to see me again.

*I will call him toward the end of next week.*