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Best Friends Forever?

The Complicated Relationship between President Clinton & President Yeltsin

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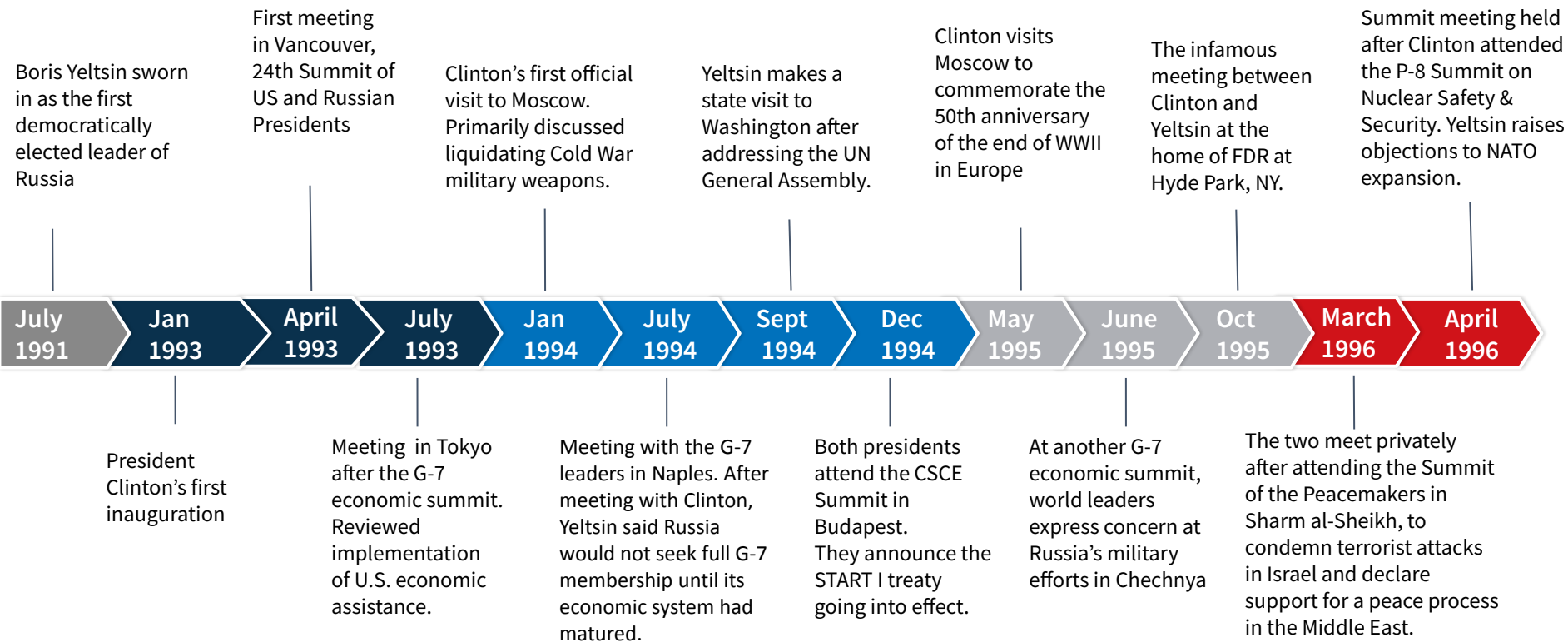
Friend or Foe?



- ★ Review the telcons given to your table.
- ★ Decide as a table if the records indicates an amicable or contentious relationship between Clinton and Yeltsin.
- ★ Select a short passage (5-10 words) that supports your decision and the representative from your table who will share it with the full group.
- ★ When you have finished, the table representative(s) to the corresponding side of the room - Friend (for amicable) or Foe (for contentious)
- ★ If your table can't reach a consensus, you may split and have two representatives



Meetings from 1993-1996



U.S. Post-Cold War Goals

- ★ To help Yeltsin liberalize the economy and enact more democratic reforms in Russia
- ★ To control the nuclear weapons remaining in the Post-Soviet sphere of influence
- ★ To address new challenges of European security – particularly the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina (launched in 1992)

Vancouver Summit



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April 1993



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Clinton visits Russia, January 1994





Yeltsin visits U. S., September 1994





Clinton's second visit to Russia, May 1995



Yeltsin's second visit to the U.S., October 1995





1996 Re-election Campaigns



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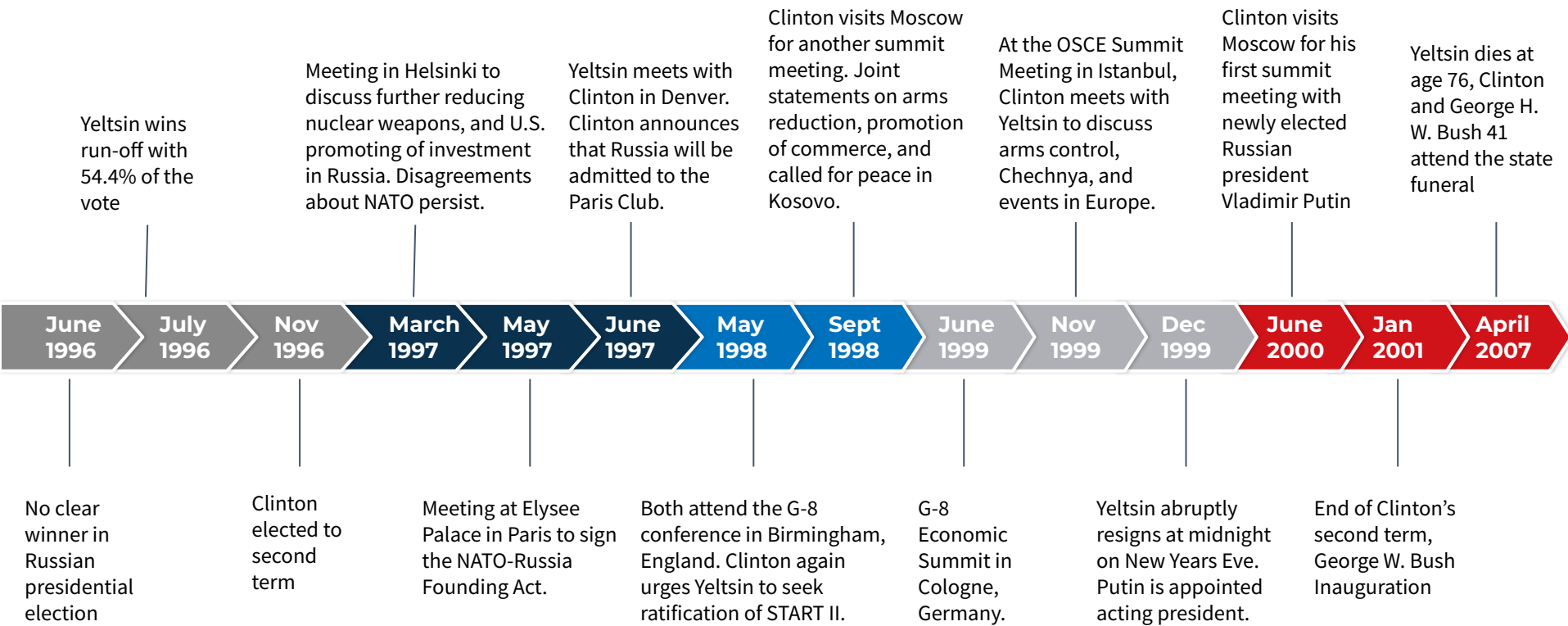
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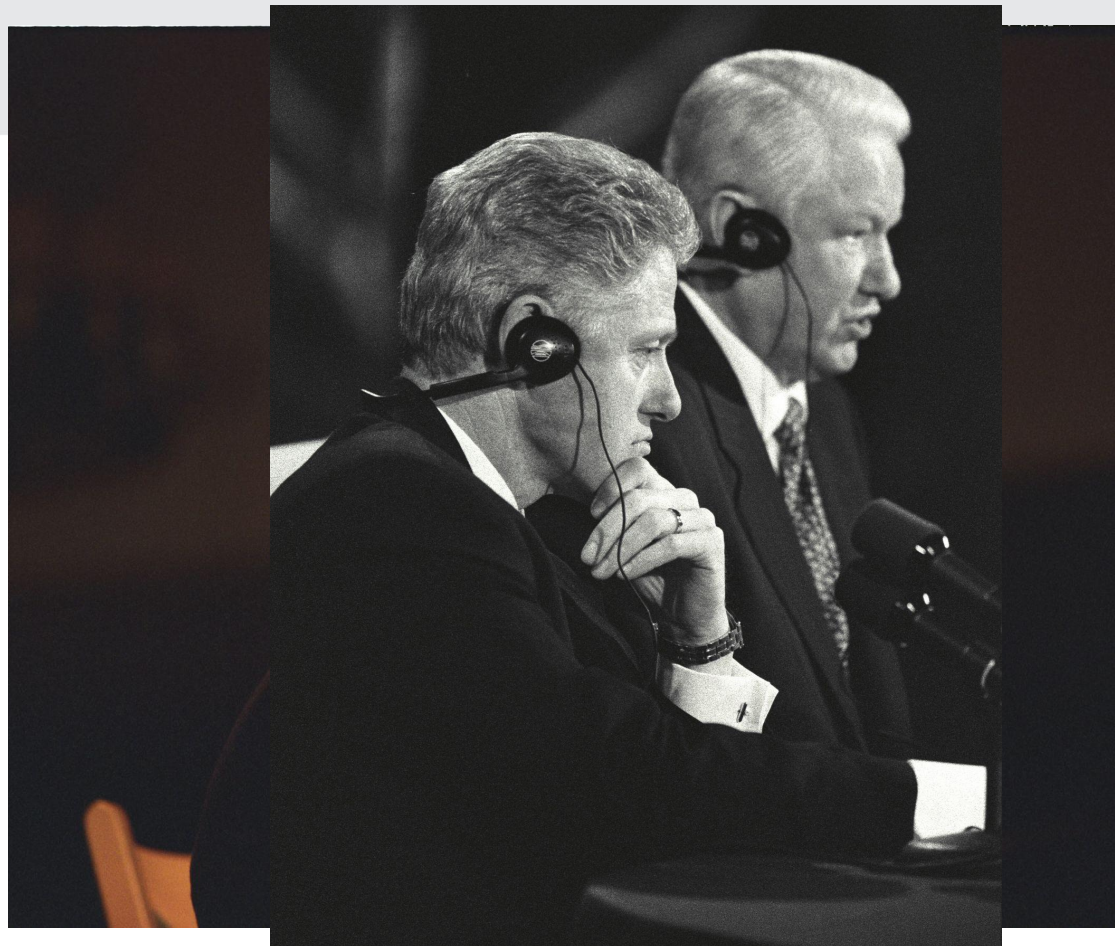
Right: TIME Magazine cover from July 15, 1996



Meetings from 1997-2001



Meeting in Helsinki, March 1997





“Summit of the Invalids”

Clinton (50) had knee surgery on March 15, six days before the meeting in Helsinki. Yeltsin (66) was recovering from a quintuple heart bypass (November 1996) and pneumonia (January 1997).



Moscow Summit



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September 1998



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G8 Summit, June 1999

Russia
added in
1997





Moscow Visit, June 2000

First
summit
with Putin,
last official
visit with
Yeltsin

Monday, June 5, 2000

11:20	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives The Kremlin
11:25	am-	COURTESY CALL WITH RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN
11:55	am	CEREMONIAL OFFICE
	[3:25am-	The Kremlin
	3:55am EDT]	Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
12:25	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Gorky 9
		Greeter: Director of Protocol
12:30	pm-	COURTESY CALL WITH FORMER-RUSSIAN PRESIDENT BORIS
1:00	pm	YELTSIN
	[4:30am-	SITTING ROOM
	5:00am EDT]	Gorky 9
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
		Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
		Interpretation: Whisper
		OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY
1:05	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Gorky 9 via motorcade en route Vnukovo 2
		Airport
		[drive time: 25 minutes]

Yeltsin funeral April 2007





Statement: Death of Boris Yeltsin

Boris Yeltsin was a Russian patriot who believed that democracy was the only way to restore Russia's position of greatness in the 21st Century. Throughout his presidency he worked tirelessly toward that goal, to the detriment of his health, but to the great benefit of his nation. He risked his life to prevent a coup, then pushed Russia forward through economic hardship and political turmoil to partnerships with Cold War adversaries and membership in the G-8.

As Presidents, Boris and I met more than 15 times, talked often, and worked closely on a wide range of issues, including terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and preserving peace around the world. We didn't always agree, but I tried to support him in his work and each time we spoke, I was struck by two things: his devotion to his country and its people, and his willingness to look at the facts and make a tough decision he thought was in Russia's long term interest. Fate gave him a tough time in which to govern, but history will be kind to him because he was courageous and steadfast on the big issues – peace, freedom, and progress.

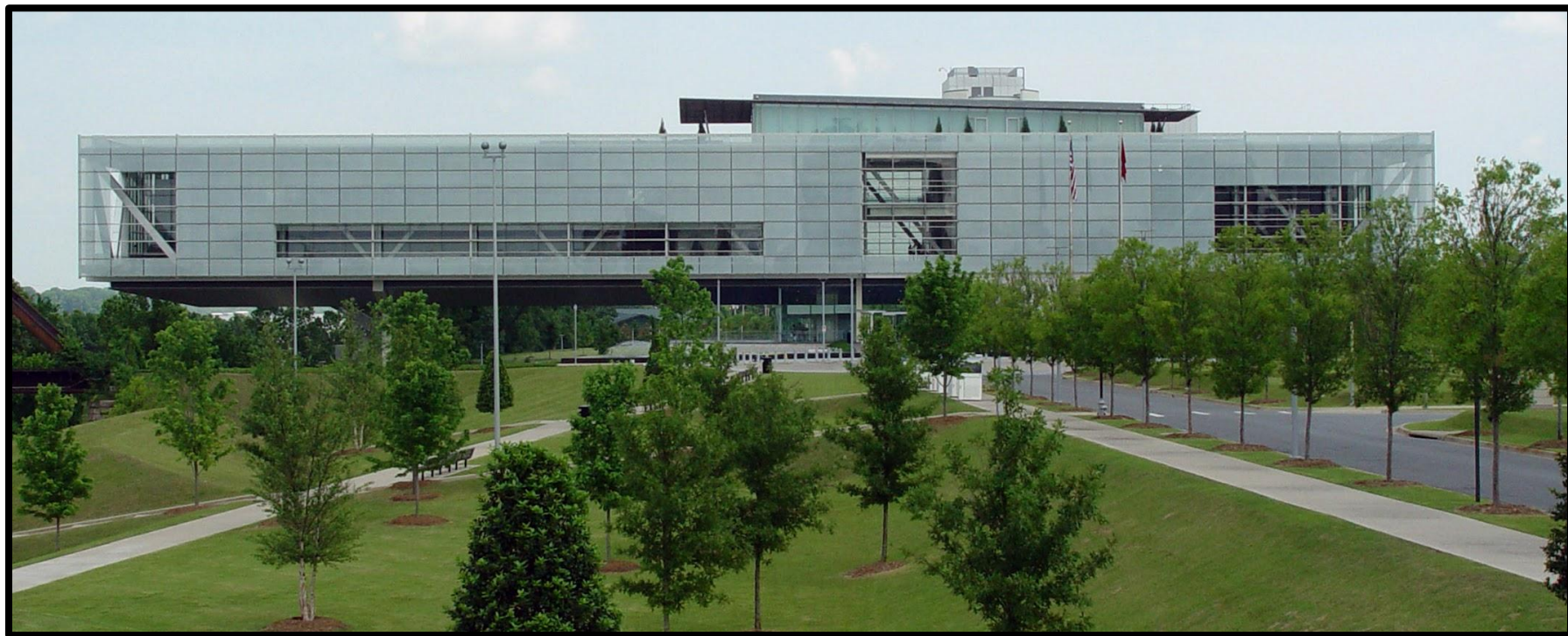
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Hillary and I are deeply saddened to have lost our friend, who gave us unforgettable memories both funny and profound. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Naina, the entire Yeltsin family, and the Russian people on this sad day.





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Left: Exhibits on second and third floor of the Clinton Presidential Library.



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 - 9th - 12th grade: www.clintonlibrary.gov/education/teachers/ninth-twelfth-grades
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The daily schedules of President Clinton document meetings, trips, speaking engagements and social activities for the eight years of the Clinton...

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