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 U.S.S.R. excels 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 overcrowding 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.
Inheriting SALT 1
The Vladivostok Trip
Starting SALT II
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 astronauts Alexei Leonov and Valery Kubasov to respond to your letter.

I view with appreciation the successful accomplishment of the first in history joint international space flight of the spacecraft Soyuz-9 and Apollo and the joint tours by the crews of the spacecraft in the Soviet Union and the United States. Both crews of cosmonauts and astronauts act as messengers of good will representing the aspirations of the peoples of the two countries toward peaceful cooperation.

I see yet another confirmation of the truthfulness 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 ensure 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, Ely, and their families, who have recently been warmly received here as friends by our people.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]

[Title]

[Name]
Helsinki Accords
Let’s Talk About Gifts

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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GIFTS FROM PRESIDENT PARK TO PRESIDENT FORD:

A 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.

GIFTS FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT PARK:

Cythia procelain limited-edition sculpture grouping of two colorfully-decorated American Indian Chiefness 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 Keon Hae, Gorham floral arrangement of gilt and apricot-colored enamelled blossoms somerfeld green foliage in which and gold oval porcelain container, 9” tall, 9” wide.

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Federal Register: Office of the Chief of Protocol, Gifts to Federal Employees From Foreign Governmental Sources Reported To Employing Agencies
Other Gifts
Classroom Idea #1
Classroom Idea #2