

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT
AND W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, 9 MAY 1979 (The White House to N Street)

President: I called to tell you that Cy and Dobrynin last night reached an agreement on the SALT II Treaty. All that is needed now is to get together with Brezhnev and sign. I will be informing the Senate today, but I wanted you to be one of the first to know.

WAH: When will you be meeting with Brezhnev?

President: We will be working that out with Moscow this week and probably make an announcement soon. It probably will be in Vienna, possibly in mid-June.

WAH: I would like to see you before you get with him. I believe I know more about Brezhnev than anyone in the administration, and I believe I will be of help to you. There are things I want to tell you about him.

President: I will look forward to that.

WAH: It would be set if the administration puts on a good show. I have been talking to Senator Bumpers. He is a good one.

President: Yes, he is a fine man.

WAH: Well, thank you very much for telephoning me. I appreciate your call.

President: It is always good to talk with you. Goodbye.