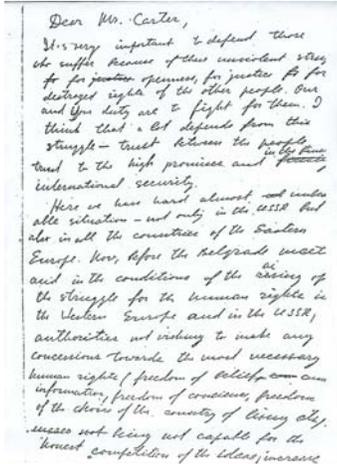


# Andrei Sakharov and Jimmy Carter Exchange Letters

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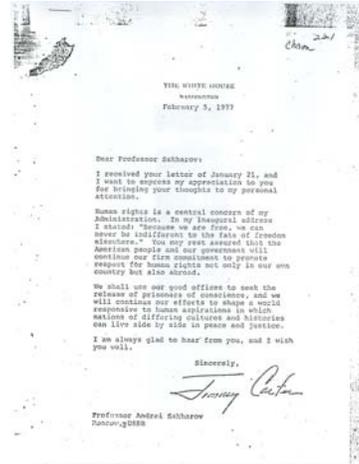
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- Professor Andrei Sakharov, in a letter to President Jimmy Carter, 01/21/1977



Dear Mr. Carter,  
It's very important to defend those who suffer because of their unviolent struggle for justice openness, for justice for destroyed rights of the other people. Our and your duty are to fight for them. I think that a lot depends from this struggle - trust between the people toward to the high promise and <sup>in the same</sup> international security.  
Here we have hard almost not visible all situation - not only in the USSR but also in all the countries of the Eastern Europe. Now, before the belgrade incident and in the conditions of the <sup>as</sup> struggle for the human rights in the Western Europe and in the USSR, authorities not wishing to make any concessions towards the most necessary human rights (freedom of belief, <sup>own</sup> information, freedom of conscience, freedom of the choice of the country of living etc.) success not being not capable for the honest competition of the ideas; increase

**Soviet Professor Andrei Sakharov to President Jimmy Carter, 01/21/1977**



VINE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
February 5, 1977

Dear Professor Sakharov:

I received your letter of January 21, and I want to express my appreciation to you for bringing your thoughts to my personal attention.

Human rights is a central concern of my Administration. In my inaugural address I stated: "Because we are free, we can never be indifferent to the fate of freedom elsewhere." You may rest assured that the American people and our government will continue our firm commitment to promote respect for human rights not only in our own country but also abroad.

We shall use our good offices to seek the release of prisoners of conscience, and we will continue our efforts to shape a world responsive to human aspirations in which nations of differing cultures and histories can live side by side in peace and justice.

I am always glad to hear from you, and I wish you well.

Sincerely,  
*Jimmy Carter*

Professor Andrei Sakharov  
Moscow, USSR

**President Jimmy Carter's reply letter to Andrei Sakharov, 02/05/1977**

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