

Dear Sasha,

Please accept the deepest sympathy from Dr. Kissinger and me on the passing of Yevgeniy Maksimovich. He was one of the true giants of his generation, a wise counsel, who defended the interests of his own country with courage and vigor while working to build constructive relations with other countries.

He was central to the efforts to build better U.S.-Russian relations, particularly in recent years, a voice of reason that we will all miss at this difficult time in our relations. I know I benefited greatly from the time I spent with him. To honor his memory, we should redouble our own efforts to carry on his work. If we can be of any assistance to you in this difficult time, please let us know.

With deepest sympathy,

Tom