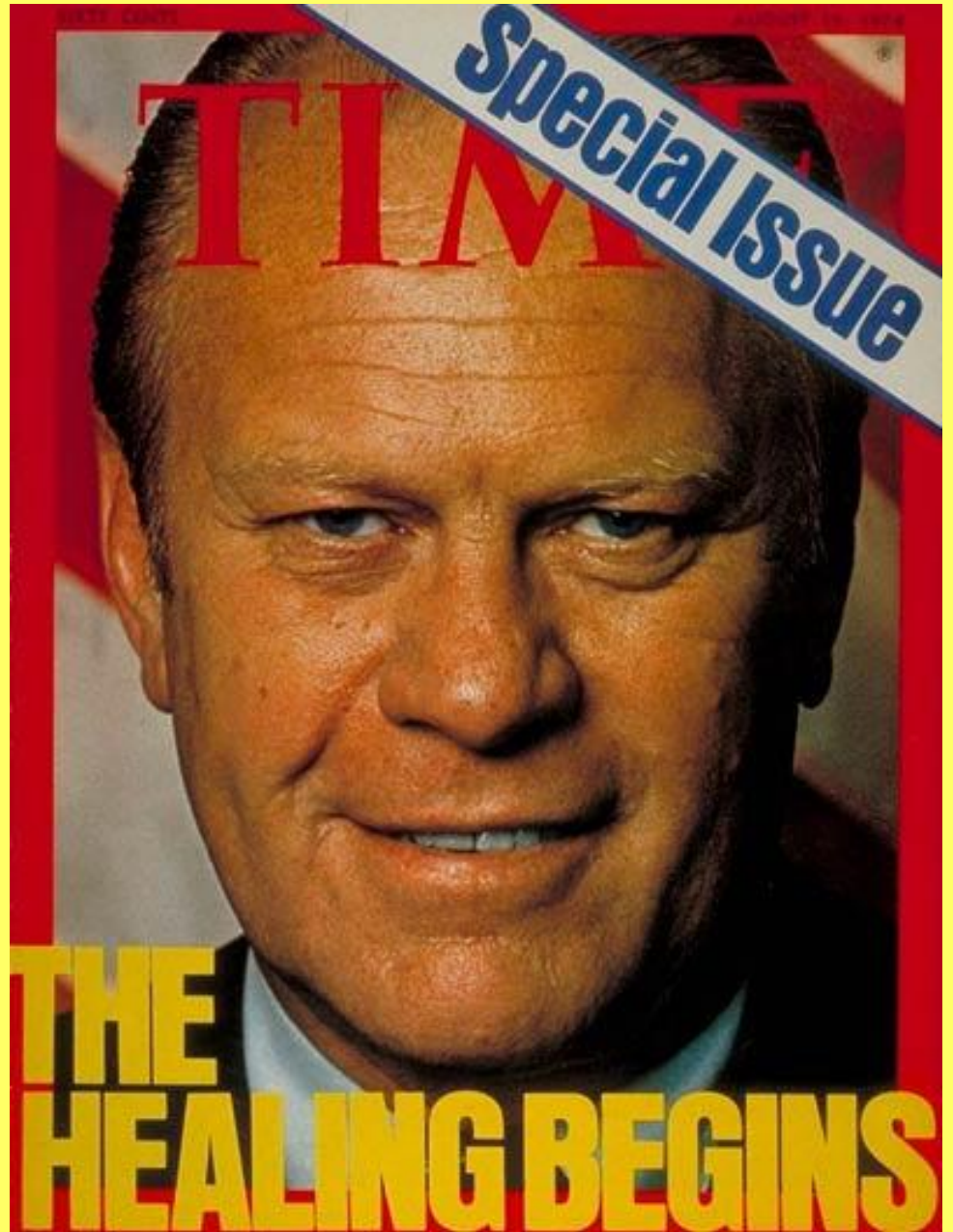


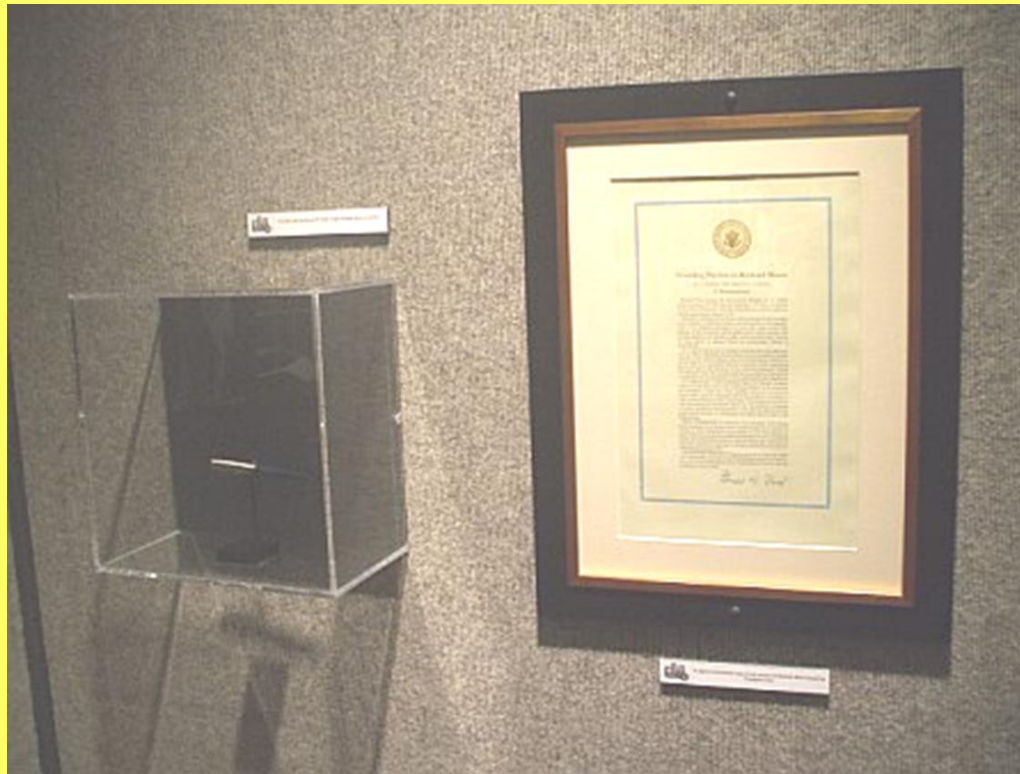
Gerald Ford

“My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over.”

August 9, 1974



Ford Pardoned Nixon September 8, 1974



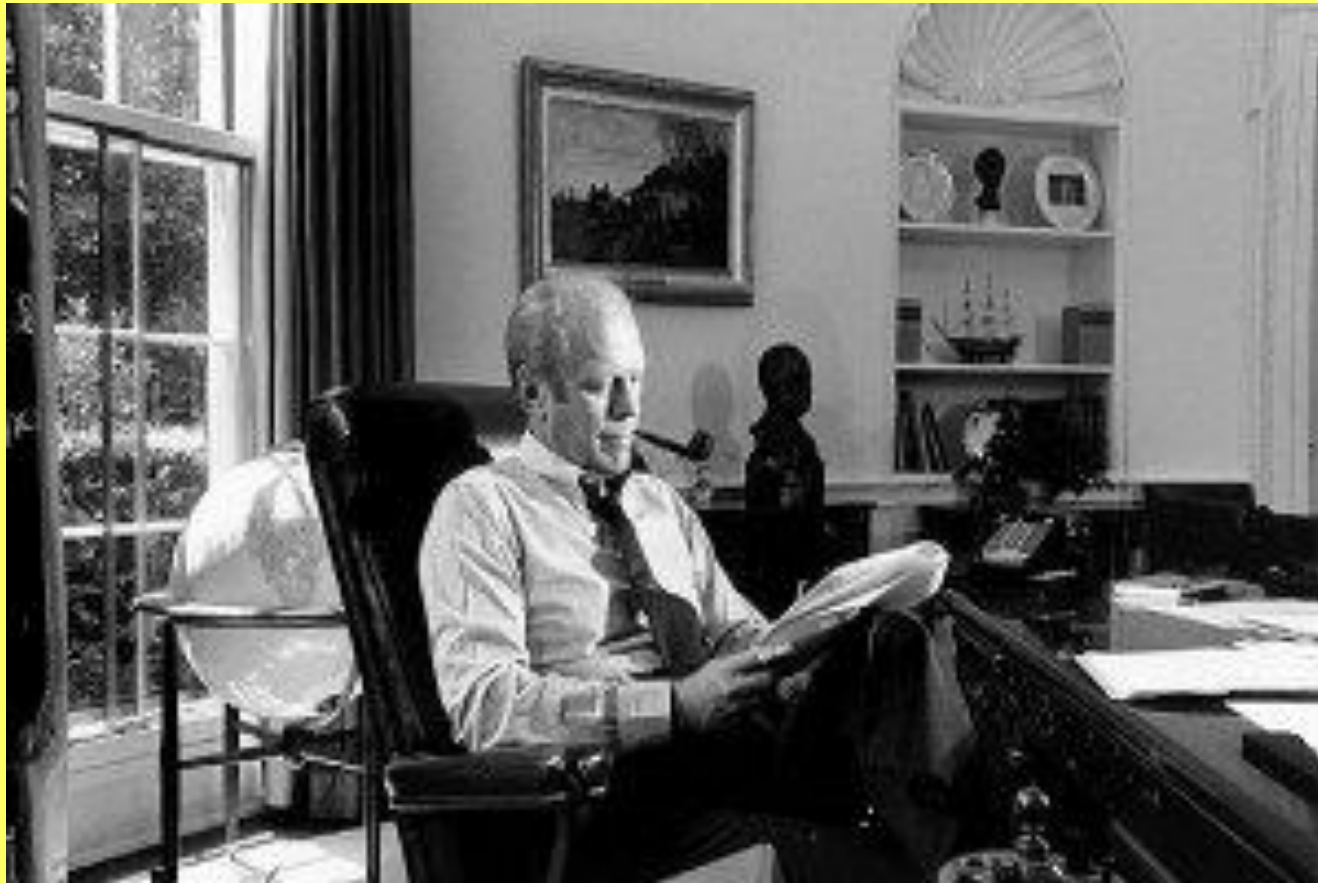
“Now, therefore, I, Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States . . . do grant a full, free, and absolute pardon unto Richard Nixon . . .”

Ford's Approval Rating



Fell from 72% to 49%

Presidential Theme for Ford

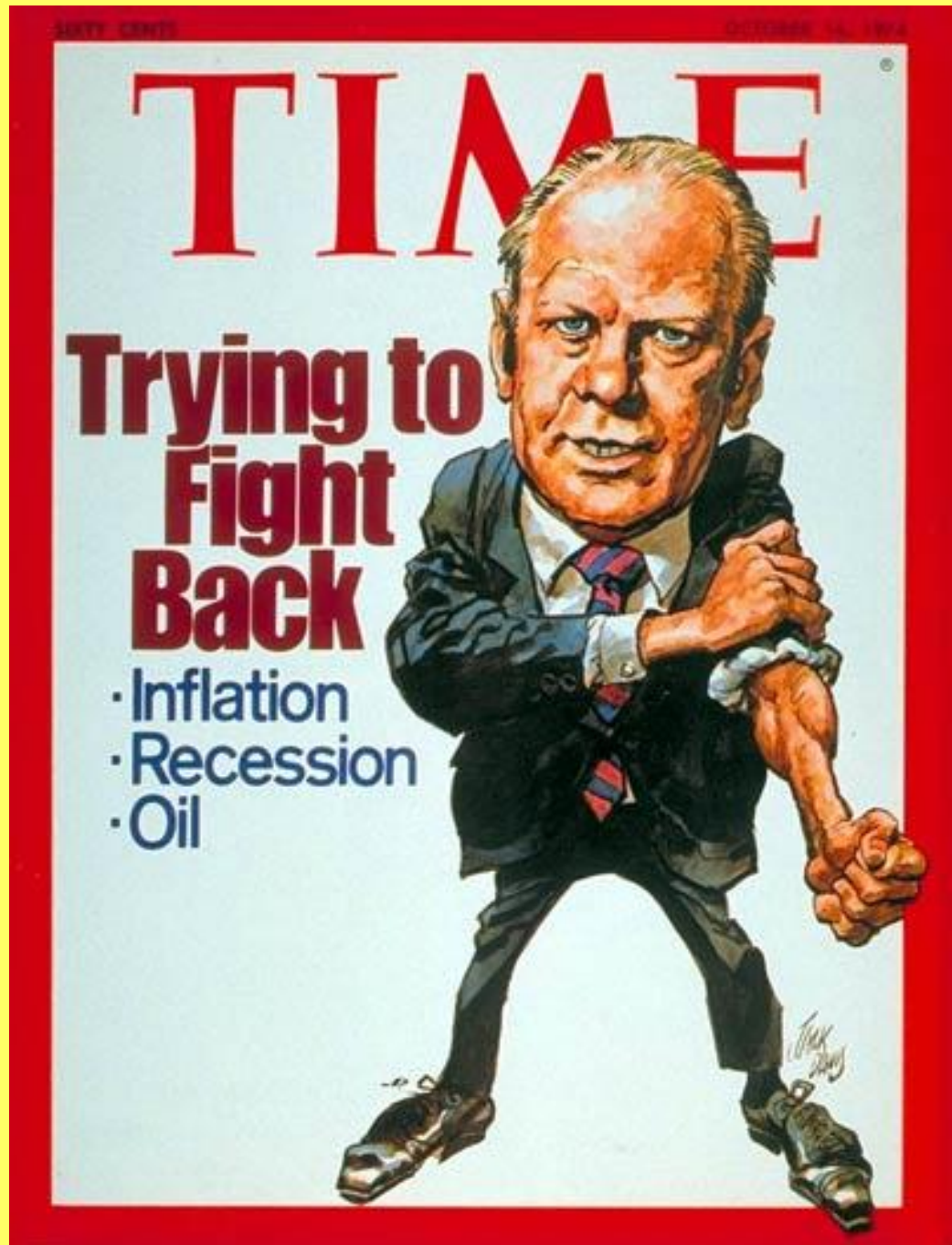


FAILURE

Recession

Inflation = 11%

Gas prices
increase = 400%



Whip Inflation Now



- Cut in federal spending
- Call for more individual spending

Economy Does Not Greatly Improve



But What Could President Ford Do?

Ford's Presidential Vetoes



Vetoed 66 bills in 2.5 years
(Most for a 1 term president)

Protecting President Ford



Sacramento, California September 5, 1975



Going to give a speech on crime at State Capitol

Assassination Attempt





**Secret Service
Agent:**

Larry Buendorf

“Squeaky” Fromme’s .45 Caliber Gun



Lynette
“Squeaky”
Fromme

-wanted to bring
fame to Charles
Manson “family”



San Francisco, California September 22, 1975



Oliver Sipple Saved the Day



Shot ricocheted hotel wall and missed Ford
by 6 inches

Sara Jane Moore



Sara Jane Moore

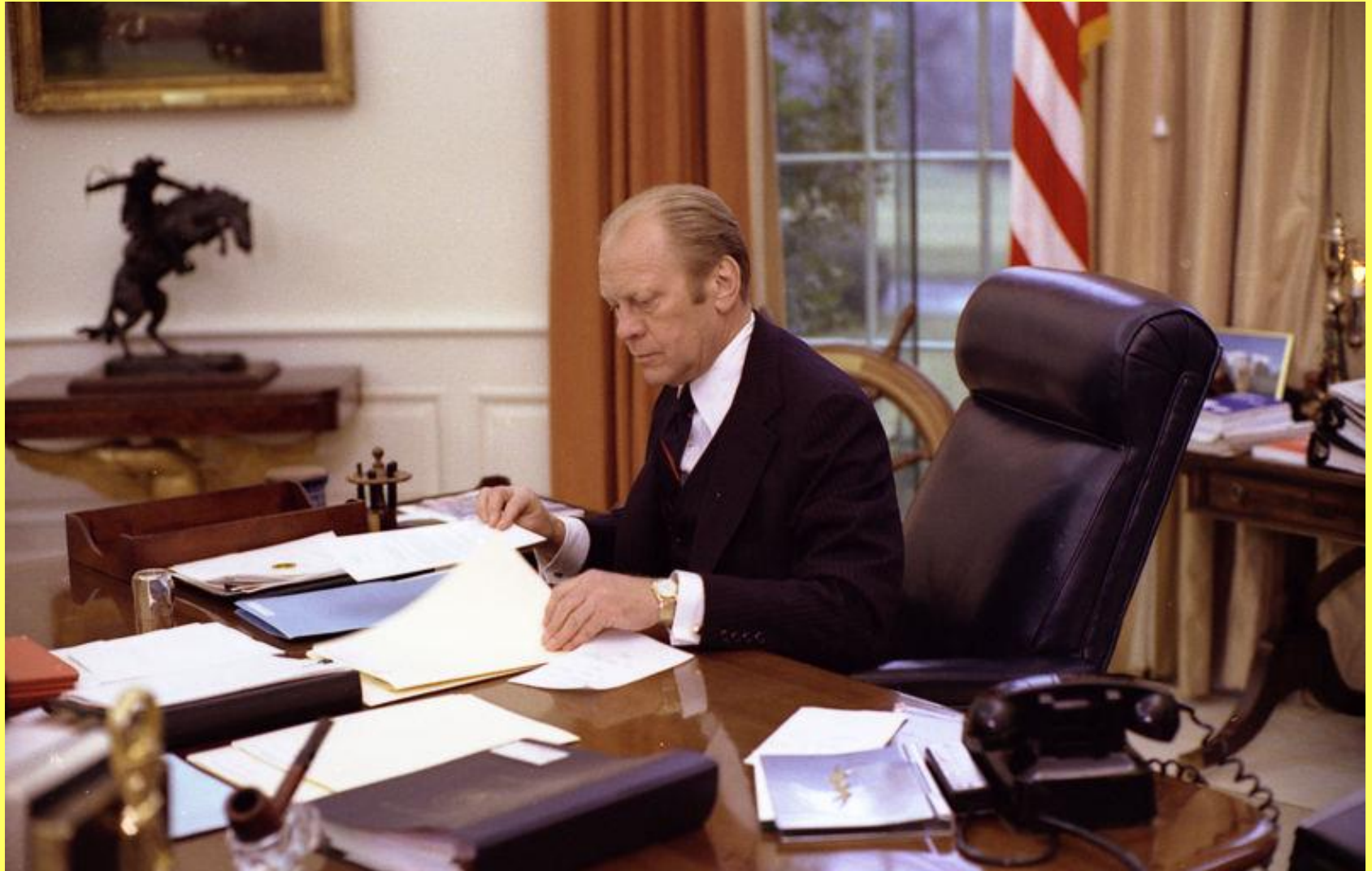
December 30, 1975

“Although part of me regrets not being successful in the task, I am very thankful I did not kill another human being.”

May 28, 2009 (NBC's Today Show)

"I am glad that I didn't kill [Ford], but I don't regret trying."

Ford's Foreign Policy



South Vietnam Attacked!

North Vietnam Attacked South Vietnam
Ho Chi Minh Offensive (1974)



Ford Asked for \$722 million in aid for South Vietnam

NO



Operation Frequent Wind

April 30, 1975



“White Christmas”

Operation Frequent Wind



Saigon Fell: US Lost



April 30, 1975

Saigon Embassy Staircase



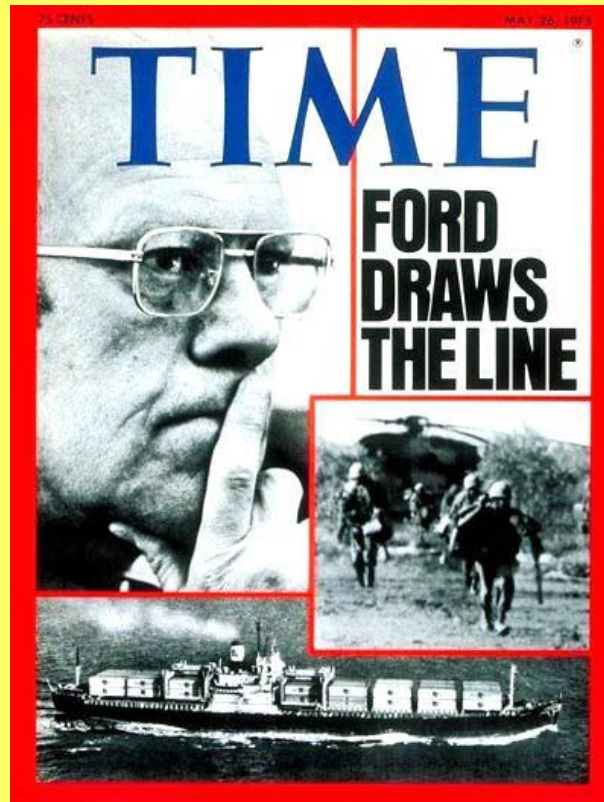
USS Mayaguez

Captured May 12, 1975



- 39 American naval personnel were captured by the Cambodian military

May 15, 1975 Mayaguez Crew Rescued



- 41 Americans were killed in the rescue
- All 39 Americans rescued

Continue Détente with the Soviets



SALT II (1974) (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks II)



Would further limit nuclear weapons

The Helsinki Agreements (1975)

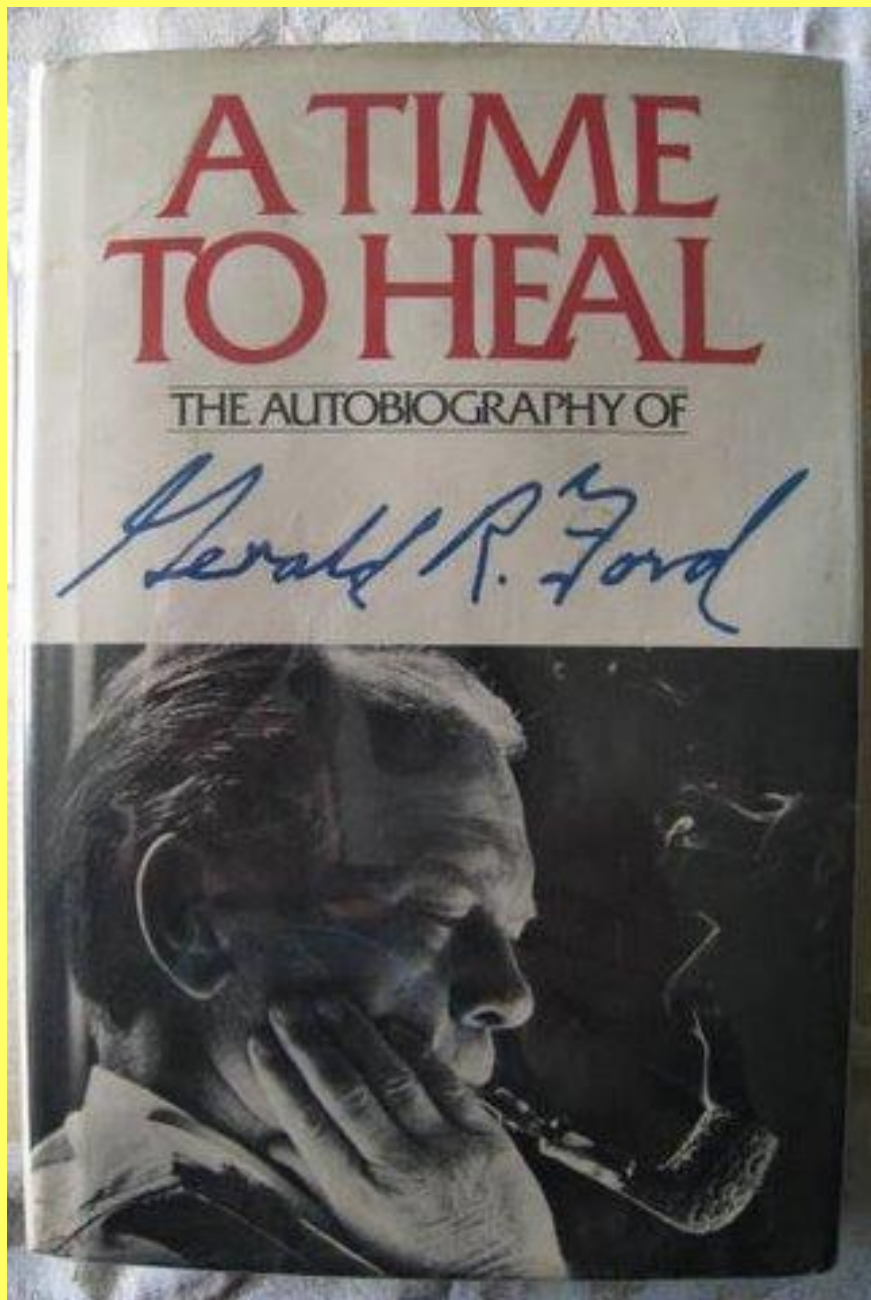


1. Soviets wanted: WWII borders recognized 1. YES
2. US wanted: Soviet emigration (leave) 2. NO

Ford Foreign Policy Success Helped to end Yom Kippur War (September 1, 1975)



Henry Kissinger



Gerald Ford:

A Time to Heal