



Reagan's aid: Biden should promise Putin not to add Georgia and Ukraine to NATO

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Former Special Assistant to ex-President Ronald Reagan Douglas Bandow urged the United States to make a deal with Russia, according to his article for The American Spectator.

Bandow said that U.S. President Joe Biden can play a modern Richard Nixon. Biden can "go to Russia" metaphorically - the summit is being held in Switzerland - and stabilize a relationship that is too important to lose.

"Most important, the U.S. should pledge that neither Georgia nor Ukraine will be added. Indeed, this decision should have been reached long ago. Including them is not in America's interest," the former official stressed.

According to him, Biden and Putin might engage in some horse-trading. "Washington and Moscow could cooperate on counter-terrorism after Washington leaves Afghanistan. The Russians could drop their involvement in Cuba and Venezuela and tighten sanctions on North Korea, while the U.S. could exit Syria and leave Libya for Moscow to work out with the medley of European and Mideast states involved," Bandow writes.