



Today in History

July 17, 1975

▲ **Tom Stafford and Alexei Leonov, the commanders of Apollo 18 and Soyuz 19, shook hands through the hatches of their spacecraft as they linked up 225km above Earth**

1973: King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan was overthrown in a coup

1998: The remains of Russia's last Tsar Nicholas II and his family, murdered by Bolsheviks in 1918, were reinterred in St Petersburg

1998: Bill Clinton became the first sitting U.S. president subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury

2014: Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 was shot down over Ukraine by a Russian surface-to-air missile