A Legend in His Own Mind

When Bill Clinton was elected he was soon called by Jimmy Carter, reaching out as the last elected Democratic President, offering his services to take on assignments for his successor.

Clinton wanted to distance himself from Carter as much as possible, seeing him as an incompetent predecessor, who would tarnish his objective of becoming a Democratic success.

Clinton did not return his call and passed him on to secretary of state Warren Christopher, who passed him on further to his deputy, Peter Tarnoff. Carter was severely snubbed.

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HKO Comments-

Carter is a legend in his own mind but is recognized as an incompetent reckless fool by members of his own party and well as his opposition. The only greater fools are the Arab leaders meeting with him who believe he has any power or influence.