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Carter talked with Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who was in communication with the Algerian foreign minister.

## What Is An October Surprise?

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The Oxford History of the American People. The militants demanded a return of the shah in exchange for the hostages.

## October Surprise conspiracy theory

While the author never claimed to have definitive proof, he did pull together a massive amount of circumstantial evidence, only some of which has been fully discounted by the congressional investigations.

## October Surprise

Reagan rather than President Carter, thereby swinging the U. But in America, a new President tends to bring an entirely new team to Washington: men and women who often have little personal experience of the business of national government.

Some 'October surprise' conspiracies turn out to be true

Reed wrote in a letter to his family after the election, apparently referring to the Chase effort to track and discourage a hostage release deal. And usually, the simplest explanation — not the conspiracy theory — turns out to be the best. As Election Day approached in 2020, the media highly anticipated a possible October surprise orchestrated by the campaign of President Trump.

### **Jimmy Carter and the Iranian Hostage Crisis**

In the ensuing explosion and fire, eight servicemen died: five of the fourteen USAF aircrew in the EC-130, and three of the five USMC aircrew in the RH-53D, with only the helicopter's pilot and co-pilot both badly burned surviving.

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