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Summary:

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(Com. Brezhnev, Kosybin, Podgorny, Gromyko)

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1. Confirm the text of the response to the U.S. A. (attachment 1).

The issue on when and at what level to advise the Americans of this answer will be resolved on the side, at a working level, as we mean to use these negotiations to influence the American position on other issues, first and foremost on Vietnam and the Middle East.

2. Confirm the directives to the Soviet delegation presented by the Ministry of Medium Machine Building, the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, and the USSR Academy of Sciences (attachment 2).

3. Appoint Ye.K. Fedorov as head of the Soviet delegation to the Soviet-American technical negotiations on the peaceful use of nuclear explosions.

4. Instruct the Commission on Military-Industrial Issues of the USSR Council of Ministers Presidium to confirm the personnel staff of the Soviet delegation after receipt from the American side of its delegation, and also the texts of statements from the Soviet side, as indicated in the directives to the Soviet delegation, upon presentation [of them] by the Ministry of Medium Machine Building and the USSR MFA.

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