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**Letter from Leonid Brezhnev to Karmal Babrak,  
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**Summary:**

A congratulatory note from L. Brezhnev to Karmal Babrak, Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, General Secretary of the PDPA CC, and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, thanking Babrak for his efforts to defend the gains made in the April Revolution.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL,  
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC PDPA, AND  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Cde. Karmal BABRAK

□ I heartily congratulate you on [your] election as General Secretary of the PDPA and high government posts of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

□ In the name of the Soviet leadership and on behalf of myself personally I wish you great success in all your multifarious activity for the good of the Afghan people. I am confident that in the present circumstances the Afghan people will be able to defend the gains of the April Revolution, the sovereignty, the independence, and the national dignity of the new Afghanistan.

L. BREZHNEV