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Extract from CPSU CC Politburo Decision

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Summary:

Extract from CPSU CC Politburo Decision about the dispatch of a special division to Afghanistan upon the request of Amin

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To Comrades Brezhnev, Andropov, Gromyko, Suslov, Ustionov
Extract From Protocol No. 176 of
the Meeting of the CC CPSU Politburo of 6 December 1979

About the dispatch of a special detachment to Afghanistan
Agree with the proposal on this issue set forth in the note of the KGB USSR and the
Ministry of Defense of 4 December 1979. No. 312/2/0073 (attached).

CC SECRETARY L. BREZHNEV

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To the CC CPSU

The Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, General Secretary of the CC PDPA, and
Prime Minister of the DRA H. Amin recently has insistently been raising the issue of
the necessity of sending to Kabul of a motorized rifle battalion for defense of his
residence

Taking account of the situation as it has developed and the request, H. Amin
considers it expedient to send to Afghanistan the detachment of the GRU of the
General Staff which has been prepared for these goals, with a complement of about
500 men, in a uniform which does not reveal its belonging to the Armed Forces of the
USSR. The possibility of sending this detachment to the DRA was envisioned by the
decision of the CC CPSU Politburo of 06.29.79 No. P 156/IX.

Regarding the fact that issues related to the sending of the detachment to Kabul have
been agreed with the Afghan side, we propose that it is possible to drop it in on
airplanes of military transport aviation during the first half of December of this year.
Com. Ustinov, D.F. is in agreement.

Iu. Andropov, N. Ogarkov

No. 312/2/0073
4 December 1979