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**Telegram from the Czechoslovak Ambassador in
Kabul, Karmelita, to Prague about his conversation
with Taraki**

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Summary:

This document is a telegram from the Czechoslovak Ambassador in Kabul, Karmelita, to Prague. Karmelita provides a brief overview of his conversation.

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Czech

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Translation - English

Telegram from KabulArrived: 4.10.78 at 10AM4.10.78 at 12:15PM#059.236Lightning
To your 072 516l was received today, 4 October, by the General Secretary of the
Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party, Nur Mohamad Taraki, whom I
informed of the contents of the depeche mentioned above. He listened to the
information attentively and calmly. He said that Karmal's illness was fictitious and
that he should be returned as a warrant had been issued for his arrest. Taraki said in
a somewhat unpleasant tone that Czechoslovakia is an independent country, which
can act on the basis of its own judgment. He added that he had expected a different
reply. Finally, Taraki requested that we convey the information in writing to the prime
minister and the foreign minister, Hafizullah Amin. In case you concur that we should
indeed make this confirmation, send the text in English. In contrast to previous times,
the parting of ways was rather terse. (Ka) □□□□□Karmelita 0354