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**Conversation with Afghan Leader Babrak Karmal
Regarding the Situation in the 'Center' Zone**

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Summary:

The General Consul is asked to approve an ultimatum which would allow Soviet forces to psychologically influence the rebels, and secondly, provide a way to warn the civilian population.

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Russian

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Translation - English

I - To avoid bloodshed it is advisable to present an ultimatum to the rebels. In this regard, Comrade General Secretary, we request your consent. B. Karmal - They won't flee? I - They should not. Presenting an ultimatum allows us firstly to exert psychological influence on the rebels and secondly to warn the civilian population. B. Karmal - How will the ultimatum be presented? By handbills or loudspeakers? I - By handbills with the aid of a group of POWs whom we will free. B. Karmal - Good. I agree