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Summary:

The importance of avoiding conflict in the Horn of Africa as outlined by Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko.

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The Soviet ambassador told ours in Addis:

Gromyko told him that the most important thing in the work of the Soviet Union's Ambassadors to Addis and Mogadishu is to prevent any conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia. In the opinion of the Ambassador, every conflict would be in the interest of the United States and the reactionary forces of Ethiopia and it would be used for the realization of their goals.

Somalia's behaviour is evaluated as rather disingenuous. The Soviets even switched to Ethiopia's side. Somalis are afraid of a strong and unified Ethiopia and therefore are acting duplicitously and insincerely.

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