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To Comrades Brezhnev, Andropov, Gromyko, Suslov, Ustinov

Extract From Protocol No. 176 of the Meeting
of the CC CPSU Politburo of December 6, 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 December 4, 1979. No. 312/2/0073 (attached).

CC SECRETARY L. BREZHNEV

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 sent 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 that it belongs 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
December 4, 1979

As cited in Liakhovskii, A.A. The Tragedy and Valor of the Afghani. (Moscow: GPI "Iskon", 1995), p. 107.

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Вопрос, требующий решения и мер оперативного характера. Вопрос о выполнении Ю.В., Устинова Д.Ф., Троцкого А.А. в отношении осуществления мер оперативного характера.

Вопрос, требующий решения ЦК, своеобразие в отношении в Политбюро

Осуществление всех этих мероприятий и в отношении Ю.В., Устинова Д.Ф., Троцкого А.А.

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