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To Comrades Brezhnev, Andropov, Gromyko, Suslov,  
Ustinov.

Excerpt from Minute No. 176 of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo meeting,  
held on 6 December 1979

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On sending a special detachment to Afghanistan

Agree to the proposals about this issue presented in the note from the USSR KGB  
and Ministry of Defence, date 4 December 1979, No 313 / 270023 (attached).

SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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SPECIAL FILE

To the CPSU Central Committee

Recently the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, General Secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, H. Amin has insistently raised the necessity of sending a Soviet motorized rifle battalion to Kabul to defend his residence.

In view of the present situation and H. Amin's request, we consider it would be expedient to send a special GRU detachment prepared for these purposes to Afghanistan, with a complement of about 500 men, in a uniform which does not reveal their origin as members of the Soviet Armed Forces. The possibility of sending this detachment to the DRA was envisaged in the Politburo decision of 29 June 1979 (No. P 156 / X).

Since the sending of the detachment to Kabul has been agreed with the Afghan side, we think it could be transferred by military aviation during the first ten days of December of this year. Comrade Ustinov, D.F., has given his agreement.

We request authorisation.

Yu. Andropov

N. Ogarkov

4 December 1979

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