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**Communist Party of the Soviet Union, CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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# II113/110

To Comrades: ANDROPOV, TIKHONOV, GROMYKO, USTINOV,  
CHERNENKO, PONOMARYOV, RYABOV, CHEBRIKOV, SMERTYUKOV

Extract from the minutes #113 of the Polit. Bureau of the CC KPSU of the 21 June 1983.

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On delivery of Palestine Liberation Organization's special property from Syrian Arab Republic to  
Tunisian Republic

1. Approve the draft of the Council of Ministers' directive on this matter (attached).
2. Sign off the drafts of the instructions to the Soviet ambassadors in Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisian Republic (attached).

CC Secretary [no name / signature]

#1 Council of Ministers' directive

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR  
DIRECTIVE

of \_\_\_ June 1983

Moscow, Kremlin

1. According to the Palestine Liberation Organization request, agree to:
  - free-of-charge delivery of two speedboats belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organization by a Soviet ship from Syrian Arab Republic to Tunisian Republic in 1983, providing the Tunisian consent. Allow the State Committee on Economic Contacts to perform the said delivery without signing a formal agreements with the Syrian and Tunisian sides;
  - on the Soviet expense, providing the Syrian and Tunisian consent, send Soviet professionals from the Naval Ministry to determine the scope of the preparatory works for transporting the speedboats on the Soviet ship and help with loading and unloading the speedboats.
2. The State Committee on Economic Contacts shall negotiate with the Syrian and Tunisian sides re. #1. In the process of the negotiation, suggest to PLO to pay for the delivery fully or partially with convertible currency.
3. When the agreement is reached, task the Naval Ministry with:
  - a. send a professional to Syria to determine the scope of the preparatory works for transporting the speedboats on a Soviet ship of the RO-FLOW [ship with a horizontal loading dock below waterline] type and help with loading of the speedboats.
  - b. send a professional to Tunisia to and help with unloading of the speedboats.
  - c. upon the State Committee on Economic Contacts' request, assign a ship to deliver the speedboats from Syria to Tunisia in accordance with this directive.
4. Charge the expenses connected with free help in accordance this directive:
  - charge the Soviet rubles to the USSR State Budget for free help to foreign countries.
  - charge the foreign currency to the State Committee on Economic Contacts currency plan.

Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR

N.TIKHONOV

To the item 110 of the minutes #113

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To: DAMASKUS  
Soviet Ambassador

Special #379. Visit the Foreign Minister of Syrian Arab Republic, or another official who will be appointed to see you, and considering the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) request and Syrian consent expressed by the Syrian Foreign Minister in his conversation with the Soviet Ambassador, convey to him that the Soviet side agrees to deliver two speedboats belonging to PLO to the Tunisian Republic in 1983.

If the Syrian side agrees, the Soviet side could send a professional to determine the scope of the preparatory works for transporting the speedboats on the Soviet ship and help with loading the speedboats.

Telegraph when done.

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To: TUNIS  
Soviet Ambassador

Meet the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman Ya. ARAFAT and convey to him that the Soviet government found a possibility to deliver two speedboats belonging to PLO to the Tunisian Republic in 1983 and secured the Syrian consent. The Soviet side request to communicate the port of delivery in a timely manner.

The coordination is assumed between the Tunisian side and PLO regarding the delivery of the two speedboats belonging to PLO to the Tunisian Republic and subsequent transfer to PLO. The Soviet side will be ready to perform the delivery after securing an official consent of the Tunisian side. Moreover, if the Tunisian side agrees, the Soviet side could send a professional to help with unloading the speedboats from the Soviet ship.

Delivery expenses will be approximately \$400.000 US.

Telegraph when done.

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On delivery of Palestine Liberation Organization's special property from Syrian Arab Republic to Tunisian Republic

According to the report of Soviet Ambassador in Syrian Arab Republic (special #379), a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) representative in the name of the PLO Chairman Ya. ARAFAT, contacted the Soviet side with a request to help to deliver from Syrian Arab Republic (port Latakia) two coast guard speedboats built in West Germany and belonging to PLO to the Tunisian Republic. The Syrian side has confirmed its consent to remove the speedboats. The delivery expenses will be approximately 300.000 rubles.

The Ministry of Defense and the State Committee on Economic Contacts offer to deliver free of charge two speedboats belonging to PLO from Syria to Tunisia, providing Tunisian side's consent. Coordinated with the Ministry of Defense (comrade KORNIENKO G.M.) and Ministry of Civil Navy (comrade GUZHENKO T.B.)

Draft of the CC KPSU directive attached.

D. USTINOV  
Ya. RYABOV

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