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To: Comrades Brezhnev, Andropov, Gromyko, Suslov,
Ustinov, Ponomarev, Rashidov -- full text;
Baibakov, Sosnov, Skachkov -- #3,4;
Pavlovski -- #5.

Excerpt from Protocol #182 of the Politburo CC CPSU session
of February 7, 1980

On Comrade Y.V. Andropov's discussions with the leaders of
Afghanistan concerning some aspects of Soviet-Afghani cooperation.

1. To approve the discussions that Member of the Politburo CC CPSU, Chairman of the KGB USSR Comrade Y.V. Andropov held with the leaders of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan on some aspects of Soviet-Afghani cooperation.

2. To ask the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU to submit proposals on the issues of party cooperation mentioned in the discussions with Comrade B. Karmal and with other Afghani leaders, and also relating to the issues raised by the head of the group of the party advisers of the CC CPSU, Comrade L.I. Grekov, to the Central Committee of the CPSU.

3. To entrust the State Committee on Economic Cooperation (SCEC) and the Ministry of Transport Construction to examine the proposals of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Uzbekistan (Comrade Rashidov) on speeding up the construction work on the joint bridge crossing on Amu Darya river in the region of Termez-Khairaton, and to take necessary measures to increase the speed of work of the Soviet construction organizations. Also, to submit in the regular order proposals on construction of the structure on the Afghan shore (a transfer base) on the conditions of the general contract.

4. To entrust the Gosplan of the USSR and the SCEC with participation of relevant ministries and bureaus to examine the

considerations presented by the Soviet Embassy in Kabul on speeding up the construction of the oil-processing plant, power stations and electric power lines according to the "Plan of the electricity supply to the Northern regions of Afghanistan", of the mining and processing group of enterprises on the copper deposits site in Aynak, and of the reconstruction of the housing construction groups of enterprises in Kabul.

5. The Ministry of Transportation should speed up the consideration of the proposals of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Uzbekistan (Comrade Rashidov) on setting up an independent branch of the Central Asian Railroad with the terminal in Termez.

6. To entrust the Commission of the Politburo CC CPSU on Afghanistan to think out the question of the new relations between the Soviet Union and Afghanistan under the treaty, having in mind the realization of this idea at corresponding time, and taking into account the further development of the situation in Afghanistan and around it.

Secretary of the Central Committee.

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Concerning the discussions with the Afghan leaders.

In accordance with the assignment (#P180/XP), I held discussions with General Secretary of the Central Committee of NDPA, Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA B. Karmal, and also with Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of NDPA, Deputy Chairman of the Revolutionary Council A. Savari, with Minister of the Interior S.M. Gulyabzoy, Minister of Communications M.A. Vatandjar, Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of NDPA, Secretary of the Central Committee of NDPA N.A. Nur, Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of NDPA S.M. Zeray, and Member of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA Major-General A. Kadyr in Kabul on January 31-February 1 (notes on the conversations are attached).

During our conversation B. Karmal handed me the text of the letter of the Central Committee of NDPA to party organizations concerning the issues of party unity for delivering it to the Central Committee of the CPSU (attached).

During my stay in Kabul I had conversations with Soviet Ambassador to DRA Comrade F. A. Tabeev, and with the head of the group of our party advisers Comrade L. I. Grekov who raised several questions concerning our economic and party cooperation with Afghanistan. The questions are reflected in the appendices.

First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Uzbekistan Comrade Rashidov, with whom I had a conversation during my stop in Tashkent on my way to Kabul, believes that considering the increase in the amounts of cargo shipped between the Soviet Union and Afghanistan it is necessary for the central ministries to take measures to put an end to falling behind the schedule in the construction of the joint bridge crossing on Amu Darya river in the region of Termez-Hairashon (memo attached); and also to speed up the process of consideration of his proposal on

organizing an independent branch of the Central Asian Railroad in Termez that he presented to the Ministry of Transportation.

It would be advisable to request that concerned departments of the Central Committee of the CPSU and other bureaus examine the questions raised by Comrades Sh. R. Rashidov, F.A. Tabeev, and L.I. Grekov and submit their proposals in this regard in the general order.

Y.V. Andropov

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