

Report by Army General and Member of the CC of the BCP Politburo (Djurov) and Colonel-General and Chief of the Main Political Department of the Bulgarian People's Army (Mitkov) to the Secretariat of the CC of the BCP, 6 August 1987

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R E P O R T

by Army General Dobri Djurov, Member of CC BCP Politburo, and the Minister of National Defense and by Colonel General Mitko Mitkov, Chief of the Main Political Department of the Bulgarian People's Army

RE: the conclusions and proposals ensuing from the Report of Gen. Ligachev, Head of the Main Political Department, Soviet Armed Forces, in adherence of the meeting of the Heads of the Political Administrations of the Warsaw Treaty Armed Forces

Dear comrades,

On 3 July [in the text erroneously June] 1987, a meeting of the Heads of the Political Administrations of the Warsaw Treaty Armed Forces was held in Moscow.

In the Report by Army General Ligachev, a number of topical questions concerning the reconstruction [perestroika] of political work in Soviet Armed Forces were discussed. Special attention was paid to intensifying cooperation in the Warsaw Pact's political bodies.

Some concrete proposals were made:

Establishing a coordinating body to the Allied Armed Forces Command and a collective information organ. Such a political body will coordinate the main purposes and tasks of political and educational activity in our fraternal Armies; scientific work in the field of Social Sciences; publishing activity; production and exchange of educational pictures and video materials; creation of modern technical means for propaganda; international activity of our cultural institutions.

We feel a very strong need for a coordinating political body during the joint Warsaw Treaty exercises. The role of this body will increase immensely during wartime conditions.

Establishing an Allied Armed Forces collective structure will play a significant role for the popularization of the Socialist Armies' tasks and character and for the exchange of positive experiences in the field of

education and training of personnel staff, for denunciation of the imperialist ideological diversion against the Warsaw Pact, and for strengthening the friendship and cooperation between our fraternal Armies.

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