
Letter from the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (Gotsev) to the First Deputy Minister of Defense and Chief of the General Staff of the PRB (Semerdjiev), 11 February 1988

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Subject: Preparation of the Bulgarian Delegation for the meeting of the WP Committee of Foreign Ministers, 1988

Comrade Semerdjiev,

Pursuant to the decision of the Foreign Ministers Committee meeting [Prague, 28-29 October 1987], the activity of the allied states of in Southern Europe has been included in the agenda of the next meeting of the WTO Multilateral Group for Current Mutual Information.

To prepare the documents of our delegation, please send us, by 18 February, material on the following subjects:

- the overall estimate of the political-military situation in the region;
- the military correlation of forces on NATO's Southern flank as a whole and the Southeastern flank in particular;
- the place and role of the southern European countries in NATO's plans for "compensating" for the removal of the US tactical missiles by increasing and modernizing conventional and nuclear weapons or by their redeployment;
- the impact of the possible improvement of the relations between Greece and Turkey aimed at strengthening NATO's Southern flank;
- the negotiations about US bases in the region and the prospects for the development of NATO's and US basing strategy;
- Bulgaria's national priorities in connection with the activities of the allied countries in southern Europe;
- any ideas and proposals, that our delegation could put forward to the allied countries with a view toward the consolidation of the situation in the region.

11. 02. 1988 Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs:

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