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USSR/EAST GERMANY

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SUBJECT  
ZHUKOV COMMENTS ON SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES

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AN ASIAN JOURNALIST WHOSE MOTIVATIONS AND RELIABILITY HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED (F). THE ACCURACY OF SOME OF HIS PAST REPORTINGS HAVE BEEN QUESTIONABLE. SOURCE IS PROBABLY BEING USED AS A CHANNEL FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA MATERIAL.

DURING INTERVIEWS WITH SOURCE IN MID-MARCH 1957, YEVGENIY P. PITOVRANOV, COUNSELLOR OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN, PASSED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED FROM MARSHAL GEORGIY K. ZHUKOV, SOVIET MINISTER OF DEFENSE, DURING THE LATTER'S TRIP TO THE GDR FOR THE SIGNING OF THE SOVIET-GDR MILITARY AGREEMENT. HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN BERLIN ON 12 MARCH 1957.

A. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THE GDR WILL BE GIVEN A LICENSE TO PRODUCE MIG-15 FIGHTERS AND IL-28 BOMBERS. PITOVRANOV STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN PRODUCTION WOULD START BUT BELIEVED IT WOULD BEGIN SOON. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WILL ALSO INCREASE THE STRIKING POWER OF THE GDR ARMY WITH MODERN WEAPONS. IN ANSWER TO SOURCE'S QUERY ABOUT TANK PRODUCTION, PITOVRANOV SAID THE GDR IS ALREADY PRODUCING

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TANK PARTS AND OTHER LIGHT ARMAMENTS. HE THEN MADE STATEMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: "WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH TANKS IN THE GDR TO OVERRUN WESTERN EUROPE UP TO THE FRENCH COAST WITHOUT MUCH OPPOSITION. WE DO NOT WANT MANY TANKS NOW. WE WANT MORE PLANES. IF WAR COMES, OUR TANKS WILL BE ON THE FRENCH COAST WITHIN 48 HOURS. THERE WILL BE PRACTICALLY NO FIGHT. THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN FIGHT US ARE THE AMERICANS. ON LAND THE AMERICANS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RESIST US. THE AMERICANS KNOW THIS WELL, BUT IN THE AIR THEY WILL FIGHT. EVERY THIRD FRENCH SOLDIER IS A COMMUNIST AND SYMPATHIZES WITH THE USSR. WE DO NOT CARE FOR OTHER SOLDIERS. AMERICAN NEGROES WILL NOT FIGHT AGAINST US. WE HAVE SOUNDED THEIR MINDS IN VARIOUS WAYS. THERE ARE MANY NEGRO SOLDIERS IN WEST BERLIN, AND MANY OF THEM ARE OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND OUR FRIENDS VISIT THEM REGULARLY."

B. WHEN ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THE USSR WILL BUILD ROCKET BASES IN THE GDR AND BRING ATOMIC FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS TO THE GDR, PITOVORANOV ANSWERED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO BRING THEM TO EAST GERMANY ALTHOUGH THE USSR HAD PLENTY.

C. IN AN INTERVIEW ON 21 MARCH, PITOVORANOV TOLD SOURCE THAT ZHUKOV GAVE A 90-MINUTE SPEECH IN KARLSHORST TO SOVIET ARMY COMMANDERS. ZHUKOV STATED THAT EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO PREPARING LAND FORCES TO FACE ATOMIC WARFARE. THE COMMANDERS WERE TOLD THAT THE NEXT WAR WILL BE AN ATOMIC WAR ON LAND, IN THE AIR, AND AT SEA. SOVIET LAND FORCES SHOULD HAVE ATOMIC WEAPONS. THE AIR FORCE NOW HAS ATOMIC WEAPONS, BUT LAND FORCES STILL LACK THEM. COMMANDERS WILL CHANGE OVER TO ATOMIC ARTILLERY FROM CONVENTIONAL ARTILLERY. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE SOON AND THE SOVIET LAND FORCE WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST ATOMIC WEAPONS.

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D. ZHUKOV CALLED ON THE COMMANDERS TO BE VIGILANT REGARDING WEST GERMANY AND TO KEEP THEIR DIVISIONS READY FOR A COUNTERATTACK. HE SAID THAT ANY ATTACK ON THE GDR WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY AN ATOMIC COUNTERATTACK.

E. SOVIET FORCES IN THE GDR WILL HAVE TO SERVE AS A "FRONT ARMY" AGAINST THE WESTERN WORLD. DURING ZHUKOV'S STAY, A SMALL MANEUVER TOOK PLACE AND HE CORRECTED CERTAIN TACTICAL POINTS. HE ASKED THE COMMANDERS TO MECHANIZE THEIR INFANTRY WITH THE LATEST WEAPONS AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES SO THAT THE ARMY COULD BE DEPLOYED AND MOVE QUICKLY.

F. IN TELLING THE COMMANDERS ABOUT HIS TRIP TO INDIA AND BURMA, ZHUKOV STATED THAT WHILE THE INDIANS ARE GOOD SOLDIERS, THEY ARE NOT A MARTIAL RACE AND THEY LACK MODERN WEAPONS. IN CASE OF WAR BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE US, THE INDIAN ARMY COULD BE NEUTRALIZED, SINCE IT HAS NEITHER MODERN ARMAMENTS NOR ATOMIC WEAPONS. ZHUKOV DISMISSED THE STRENGTH OF THE PAKISTANI ARMY AGAINST SOVIET ATOMIC ATTACK AND CLAIMED THAT THE BURMESE ARMY IS TORN BY LACK OF DISCIPLINE AND LACK OF MATERIEL AND MODERN WEAPONS.

G. ZHUKOV VISITED EAST GERMAN ARMY INSTALLATIONS AND ASKED THAT EAST GERMAN MILITARY PERSONNEL BE SENT TO THE USSR FOR TRAINING IN ATOMIC WARFARE. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EAST GERMAN ARMY AND THE SOVIET ARMY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFEATING THE IMPERIALISTS. HE TOLD BOTH EAST GERMAN AND SOVIET COMMANDERS THAT THE EAST GERMAN ARMY AND THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ARMY AS WELL AS THE SOVIET ARMY WILL PLAY THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN SMASHING THEIR ENEMIES.

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