

Report from Minister of Defense for free military aid to Burkina Faso, 17 March 1987

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TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CC BCP
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL
OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
COMRADE TODOR ZHIVKOV

R E P O R T

From the CC BCP Politburo member and
Minister of people's defense
Army General Dobri Dzhurov

REFERENCE: A visit in Bulgaria of military delegation from Republic Burkina Faso and
delivery a free military aid.

COMRADE ZHIVKOV,

On 16 March 1987 in our country arrived a military delegation from Republic
Burkina Faso, led by a member of the National Revolutionary Council, Supreme

Commander of the armed forces, and Minister of people's defense Major Boukary Jean-Baptiste Lingani.

During the meeting at the Ministry of people's defense Minister Lingani thanked for the support and received aid, and expressed following requests:

First. PR Bulgaria to render military aid to Burkina Faso of armament and equipment according to a delivered in advance request at amount of 10 million USD. 50 % of the aid shall be paid with a state credit, and the rest 50 % - as free of charge aid.

Second. A certain number of young man to be admitted in our military schools for free training and education. The Soviet Union and Cuba have given them some aid in this direction.

Third. Among the members of the Bulgarian party-governmental delegation that shall visit Burkina Faso to be included also agricultural experts with a task to share the experience of our country in the field of agriculture.

Fourth. The Minister of people's defense of Burkina Faso announced that he has a special message by the President of the Republic Thomas SANKARA to you, which he was instructed to deliver personally to you.

Bearing in mind the possibilities of our country and the situation in Republic Burkina Faso,

I SUGGEST:

1. To be permitted the delivery of free military aid of armament, equipment and personnel training within the frames of 600 000 leva. For the rest amount of nine million leva to be held negotiations for a credit for the period of three years.
2. Among the members of the Bulgarian party-governmental delegation that shall visit Burkina Faso to be included also agricultural experts with a task to share the experience of our country in the field of agriculture.

3. To be signed a Protocol between our two countries for establishment of cooperation in the military and military-technical field until the end of the next five years.*

CC BCP POLITBURO MEMBER
AND MINISTER OF PEOPLE'S DEFENSE
ARMY GENERAL [DZHUROV]
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[Translated by Greta Keremidchieva]

* The third proposal has been subsequently stroke out from the proposal.