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COUNTRY USSR	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR		
SUBJECT COMMAND STRUCTURE AND PERSONNEL OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF DEFENSE			
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SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) A SOVIET SOURCE			
<p>1. UNDER THE USSR MINISTER OF DEFENSE ARE THE CHIEF OF AIR FORCES, CHIEF OF NAVAL FORCES, CHIEF OF GROUND FORCES, CHIEF OF AIR DEFENSE, AND POSSIBLY A CHIEF OF AIRBORNE FORCES. SOURCE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE AIRBORNE FORCES ARE SUBORDINATE TO THE GROUND FORCES OR ARE AN INDEPENDENT SERVICE. EACH SERVICE HAS ITS OWN GENERAL [SIC] STAFF.</p> <p>2. MARSHAL SOKOLOVSKIY IS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE GROUND FORCES. MARSHAL VASILEVSKIY IS BELIEVED TO BE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF [OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE]. MARSHAL OF AVIATION VERSHLININ IS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCES. YUMASHEV IS COMMANDER -IN-CHIEF OF NAVAL FORCES. VSEVOLODSKIY HAS BEEN NAMED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF AIRBORNE FORCES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO CURRENT INFORMATION, GORSHKOV IS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF NAVAL FORCES, MALINOVSKIY IS CHIEF OF GROUND FORCES, SOKOLOVSKIY IS CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, AND VASILEVSKIY HOLDS NO POSITION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. RANKS WERE NOT GIVEN FOR YUMASHEV AND VSEVOLODSKIY. I. S. YUMASHEV WAS MINISTER OF THE NAVY FROM 1950 UNTIL JULY 1953. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF VSEVOLODSKIY.]</p>			
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