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Of Special Interest This Week

+ Differing treatment of Chernenko in two editions of the Soviet military newspaper RED STAR on 15 January, noted in the FBIS Daily Report, was a key piece of evidence used in an article in the President's Daily Brief on Chernenko's physical and political health. An editorial in the First Edition effusively praised Chernenko. In the Second Edition, the accolade was deleted and a reference to "other party and state leaders" added. This editorial doctoring, along with evidence from other sources, was seen as indicating that Chernenko's political position was weakening. Monitoring of satellite facsimile transmissions of RED STAR enabled FBIS to distribute the information to analysts the same day.

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+ The PDB Staff reported that copies of an article on the Shultz-Gromyko talks published in the FBIS TRENDS had been distributed to General Vessey, arms control specialist and aide to Secretary Shultz Bob Clark, and to Secretary Shultz himself. [redacted]

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+ The cover-to-cover translation of the Soviet journal KOMMUNIST is now being done by a JPRS Independent Contractor on diskette, received at JPRS via modem. On an experimental basis, with the help of the DI's Analyst Support Group, softcopy versions of these translations are being transferred into the VM/AIM system where they will be available for search by analysts. [redacted]

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+ FBIS received a request from the PFIAB staff, on behalf of Eugene Rostow, to locate a Soviet press commentary mentioned in a Washington Post article dealing with the impact of nuclear weapons on Soviet policy. A copy of the commentary, which had been translated by FBIS and published in the 13 June 1984 Daily Report, was sent to the PFIAB. [redacted]

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+ According to the Latin America Chief in the Strategic Intelligence Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, mention has been made at two recent interagency meetings on narcotics issues, including an NIO Warning Meeting, of the important contribution being made by FBIS Foreign Press Notes, particularly those on narcotics in Latin America. As a result he has requested a meeting between FBIS officers and chiefs of DEA regional units. [redacted]

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