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SUBJECT: PONOMAREV COMMENTS ON SECRETARY AND MIDDLE EAST

IN REPLY TO ACTING SECRETARY RUSH'S TOAST TO SOVIET PARLIA-  
MENTARY DELEGATION AT MAY 20 RECEPTION IN DEPARTMENT,  
PONOMAREV (CANDIDATE MEMBER OF POLITBURO) MADE FOLLOWING  
REMARKS REGARDING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
(VERBATIM TRANSLATION):

BEGIN QUOTE: THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED IN MOSCOW BY OUR  
LEADERSHIP, L.I. BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT NIXON, HAVE  
TREMENDOUS SIGNIFICANCE FOR MOVING FROM CONFRONTATION TO  
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OR TO PEACEFUL COOPERATION. THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT, ITS OFFICIALS, AND MINISTER HENRY  
KISSINGER HAVE MADE MANY EFFORTS IN THIS USEFUL CAUSE.

YOU HAVE JUST MENTIONED THAT HE (THE SECRETARY OF STATE)  
IS OCCUPIED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH VERY SERIOUS MATTERS.  
AND IN REALITY WE SEE THAT THERE IS DEFINITE PROGRESS  
HERE. AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT ACTIONS OF OUR COUNTRIES  
AND OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF OUR GOVERNMENT, ANDREY GROMYKO, WE SEE DEFINITE STEPS  
AFTER THEIR RECENT MEETINGS TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF THE

VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME OF  
MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN THIS FASHION, JOINT ACTIONS AND COOPERATION (HAVE  
OCCURRED) IN THE SOLUTION OF SUCH A VERY ACUTE, ONE MUST  
SAY, QUESTION, BUT GOOD WILL AND THE DESIRE TO COOPERATE

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PERMIT THE SOLUTION OF EVEN THESE ACUTE QUESTIONS.

AS IS KNOWN, IT WAS AGREED IN MOSCOW SEVERAL MONTHS AGO  
TO RESOLVE THESE QUESTIONS UNDER OUR JOINT AEGIS, AND THE  
GENEVA CONFERENCE, WE ARE CONVINCED, CAN DO MUCH, ALMOST  
EVERYTHING, IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER IN FAVOR OF  
PEACE AND A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RUSH  
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