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SUBJECT

[Redacted] THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS, A CONTINUED SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP ALONG THE BORDER, AND CHINA'S "WAR PREPARATIONS"

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SUMMARY. THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS WERE CONSIDERED USELESS AND

OF NO IMPORTANCE

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AN AGENDA HAD NOT EVEN BEEN AGREED

UPON BY 3 NOVEMBER,

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THE SOVIETS HAD INCREASED THEIR

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MILITARY FORCES ALONG THE BORDER BY MID-NOVEMBER RATHER THAN WITHDRAW

THEM AS PROPOSED BY THE CHINESE.

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[Redacted] THE SOVIETS HAVE (b)(1)
FOUR GUIDED MISSILE BASES FACING CHINA ALONG THE SINKIANG BORDER. THE (b)(3)
SOVIETS HAVE ALSO BEEN GUILTY OF SENDING SPIES INTO THE BORDER AREA,

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[Redacted] THE SOVIETS, IN
COLLUSION WITH THEIR EASTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES, THE U.S., JAPAN, AND INDIA,
ARE PLOTTING TO ATTACK AND DESTROY CHINA. END OF SUMMARY

1. THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS BEING HELD IN PEKING ARE USELESS
AND OF NO IMPORTANCE, [Redacted] (b)(1)

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[Redacted] WHILE
THE SOVIET PRESS CLAIMED THE TALKS WERE PROGRESSING, IN FACT AN AGENDA HAD
NOT EVEN BEEN AGREED UPON BY 3 NOVEMBER. [Redacted]

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TACTIC THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS USED IN THE PAST AND THE AMERICANS ARE NOW USING IN VIETNAM. ON THIS TACTIC, THE SOVIETS ARE TAKING ADVICE FROM THE AMERICANS. THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO PLEASE THE AMERICANS BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF THEM. [Redacted] THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO DESTROY CHINA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. EVEN THE U.S. PRESS SAID THIS.

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CHINESE WISH IS TO MAINTAIN THE BORDERS AS THEY ARE AT PRESENT, BUT THE SOVIETS ARE OCCUPYING LARGE AREAS OF CHINESE TERRITORY, INCLUDING RIVER ISLANDS ALONG THE NORTHEAST BORDER.

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THE SOVIETS WILL EVENTUALLY ATTACK CHINA AGAIN, ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE DO NOT KNOW WHEN. IN THIS REGARD, [Redacted] THE SOVIETS ARE SEEKING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY, JAPAN AND THE U.S. IN ORDER THAT THEY NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THESE POWERS WHEN THEY ATTACK CHINA. THE U.S. IS A DANGER TO CHINA, [Redacted] BUT THE USSR IS A GREATER DANGER.

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THE BORDER TALKS ARE MAKING NO PROGRESS, AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD CAUSED BORDER FRICTIONS

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TO DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE FROM INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

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[Redacted] WHILE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON, THE SOVIETS ARE INCREASING THEIR FORCES ALONG THE BORDER, SENDING IN LARGE MECHANIZED FORCES. [Redacted] THE SOVIETS HAVE 69 DIVISIONS ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER PLUS NINE DIVISIONS ALONG THE SINO-MONGOLIAN BORDER. ADDITIONALLY, THE SOVIETS HAVE REPLACED SEVERAL CONVENTIONAL DIVISIONS ALONG THE BORDER WITH DIVISIONS EQUIPPED WITH GUIDED MISSILES. THE SOVIETS HAVE FOUR GUIDED MISSILE BASES FACING CHINA [Redacted]

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[Redacted] THREE WERE NEAR MAJOR SOVIET LAKES ALONG THE SINKIANG BORDER--ISSYK-KUL, ALAKOL AND ZAYSAN. THE FOURTH WAS BETWEEN ISSYK-KUL AND ALAKOL. [Redacted] COMMENT. [Redacted] CONFIDENT THAT THE SOVIETS WILL EVENTUALLY ATTACK. IT WAS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME.)

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6. [Redacted] THE NEW CZARS OF THE SOVIET UNION ARE MORE GREEDY THAN OLD. IN ADDITION TO THE CHINESE TERRITORY OBTAINED BY UNEQUAL TREATIES DURING THE 19TH CENTURY, THE SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS (SOVIETS) HAVE SEIZED 1,600,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF CHINESE TERRITORY, INCLUDING MORE THAN 20 CHINESE RIVER ISLANDS IN THE NORTH, BY THE RECENT BORDER VIOLATIONS. THEY WISH TO SEIZE STILL MORE. THE SOVIETS WILL NOT ACCEPT THE DEFEATS WHICH THE CHINESE HAVE INFLICTED UPON THEM IN THE

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BORDER CLASHES OF THIS YEAR AND ARE NOW PREPARING FOR NEW AGGRESSION. HAVING FAILED WITH CONVENTIONAL INFANTRY TACTICS, THE SOVIETS ARE NOW MASSING LARGE MECHANIZED FORCES ALONG THE BORDER. MOREOVER, THE SOVIETS ARE EVACUATING CIVILIANS FROM THE BORDER AREAS TO THE INTERIOR AND ARE BUILDING BORDER FORTIFICATIONS. THEY HAVE ASKED EASTERN EUROPEAN POWERS TO SEND SMALL MILITARY UNITS TO THE CHINESE BORDER SO THAT THE SOVIETS WILL NOT APPEAR TO BE ACTING ALONE IN THEIR AGGRESSION AGAINST CHINA. THE EASTERN EUROPEANS HAVE PROVIDED SMALL MILITARY UNITS AS REQUESTED. THE SOVIET PEOPLE, MOST OF WHOM ARE FRIENDLY TO CHINA, DO NOT SUPPORT THEIR LEADERS IN THIS ANTI-CHINESE AGGRESSION.

7. IN THEIR PLANS TO ATTACK CHINA, [Redacted] THE SOVIETS ARE PLOTTING WITH THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] THE SOVIETS HAVE SENT MILITARY EXPERTS AND ADVISORS TO INDIA AND ARE SUPPLYING INDIANS WITH MODERN WEAPONS. ALTHOUGH IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN THESE IMPERIALISTS, [Redacted] THEY ARE IN AGREEMENT ON PLANS TO DESTROY CHINESE SOCIALISM BY WAR. THIS IS ESPECIALLY SO NOW THAT THEIR AGENTS, L I U SHAO-CH'I AND HIS GANG, HAVE FAILED IN THEIR COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY EFFORTS.

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8. [Redacted] THE PRESENT BORDER NEGOTIATIONS ARE A SOVIET DECEPTION TO OBSCURE THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR FURTHER AGGRESSION. "WE DO NOT DEPEND ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE EXPECT NOTHING FROM THEM. CHAIRMAN MAO HAS TOLD US THAT WAR IS INEVITABLE. MARXISM-LENINISM

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SAYS WAR WILL OCCUR PERIODICALLY SO LONG AS IMPERIALISM EXISTS. CHAIRMAN MAO IS ONLY SURPRISED THAT A WORLD WAR HAS NOT COME SOONER, IT HAVING BEEN 24 YEARS SINCE WORLD WAR TWO. WE ARE PREPARED."

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CHINA HAS PROPOSED TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE BORDERS EXISTING BEFORE THE LATEST BORDER CLASHES BE OBSERVED AND THAT BOTH SIDES WITHDRAW THEIR MILITARY FORCES FROM THE BORDER AREA. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS HAVE SIMPLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BRING MORE FORCES TO THE BORDER. ADDITIONALLY, SOVIET NAVAL FORCES, INCLUDING AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND SOME VESSELS EQUIPPED WITH MISSILES, ARE PATROLLING CHINA'S COASTLINE. [Redacted] COMMENT. [Redacted] THE SOVIET VESSELS ARE OPERATING IN THE SEA OF JAPAN AND IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.) THE SOVIET SHIPS BUY SUPPLIES IN HONG KONG, [Redacted] THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO BUILDING AIRFIELDS IN SIBERIA AND ARE CONDUCTING AN ACTIVE DOMESTIC PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO BUILD AN AGGRESSIVE MILITARY SPIRIT.

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10. [Redacted] THE SOVIET MILITARY BUDGET IS

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EQUIVALENT TO U.S. 60 BILLION DOLLARS. ALTHOUGH THIS IS 20 BILLION LESS THAN THE U.S. MILITARY BUDGET, [Redacted] THE SOVIETS CAN SUPPORT FIVE SOLDIERS FOR THE SAME AMOUNT THE U.S. SPENDS TO SUPPORT ONE. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] THE SOVIETS HAVE SOLD LARGE AMOUNTS OF GOLD IN THE WEST, AND

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ART OBJECTS IN LONDON, TO GET HARD CURRENCY. THE SOVIETS NEED MONEY TO BUY STRATEGIC MILITARY GOODS FOR WAR AGAINST CHINA. [Redacted] "WE ARE PREPARED FOR WAR, BUT WE WILL NEVER INITIATE IT." [Redacted] COMMENT.

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[Redacted] THEY BELIEVED A WAR WOULD BE FOUGHT INSIDE CHINA AS A GUERRILLA CONFLICT.)

11. CONCERNING THE GENESIS OF THE TALKS, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN HAD TELEPHONED CHAIRMAN MAO SOMETIME BEFORE HO CHI MINH'S FUNERAL REQUESTING TALKS ON THE BORDER FRICTIONS. MAO REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TELEPHONE BUT THAT THE SOVIET COULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE "IF YOU WISH." MAO HAD NOT SUGGESTED THAT SOMEONE OF KOSYGIN'S RANK VISIT CHINA FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE KOSYGIN-CHOU EN-LAI AIRPORT MEETING OF EARLY SEPTEMBER WAS "COLD,"

[Redacted] KOSYGIN HAD PROPOSED THE BORDER NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS MEETING.

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12. [Redacted] KOSYGIN TRAVELED FROM HANOI TO INDIA AFTER HO'S FUNERAL BEFORE COMING TO PEKING IN ORDER TO "PLOT" WITH THE INDIANS BEFORE MEETING CHOU EN-LAI.

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[Redacted] SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED IN THE 1969 BORDER CLASHES. THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDED SOVIET

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SMALL ARMS AND A SOVIET TANK CAPTURED ON CHENPAO ISLAND. THERE WERE ALSO FIVE TO SEVEN PRINTED PAMPHLETS CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALLEGED SOVIET SPIES CAPTURED BY THE CHINESE AS WELL AS A REPRODUCTION OF THEIR HANDWRITTEN CONFESSIONS, IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, OF ESPIONAGE AGAINST CHINA. ALSO PICTURED IN THE PAMPHLETS WAS "ESPIONAGE EQUIPMENT" USED BY SOVIET AGENTS, INCLUDING CAMERAS AND TAPE RECORDERS.

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14. [Redacted] SOME OF THE SOVIET SPIES HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN SINKIANG PROVINCE. ONE WAS DESCRIBED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET MILITARY. THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE PAMPHLETS WERE MOSTLY OF CAUCASIANS, BUT ONE OR TWO SHOWED PERSONS WITH "MONGOLIAN" FEATURES.

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15. [Redacted] "WE CHINESE HAVE CAPTURED MANY REVISIONIST SPIES, BUT THEY CONTINUE TO SEND MORE."

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16. [Redacted] CHINA'S TWO CURRENT NATIONAL PRIORITIES ARE TO PREPARE FOR WAR

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[Redacted] PROGRAMS TO ORGANIZE THE MILITIA AND INCREASE PRODUCTION

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"IN PREPARATION FOR WAR." [Redacted] THE PEASANTS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO PLANT GRAIN RATHER THAN VEGETABLES SINCE GRAIN CAN BE STORED FOR WAR WHILE VEGETABLES CANNOT. TO DISPERSE THE GOVERNMENT GRAIN STORAGE, INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS ARE TO PROVIDE THE STORAGE RATHER THAN THE GOVERNMENT USING ITS FACILITIES.

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17. [Redacted] IN THE TIENTSIN, NANKING AND SHANGHAI AREAS WERE EXTENSIVE TUNNELING AND DIGGING OF TRENCHES, SOME COMPLETED, IN BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS. A ROOM-SIZE BOMB SHELTER HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN ONE SHANGHAI FACTORY. [Redacted] ALL THIS AS "WAR PREPARATIONS."

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