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In reply refer to:  
I-16327/82  
9 November 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. IKLE

THROUGH: DR. HOEHN

*WEX*

SUBJECT: Public Information Campaign on Yellow Rain

As you requested, I have drafted a memo (TAB A) on how to encourage greater public interest in the Yellow Rain issue. Within the Pentagon, I have coordinated with Amoretta Hoeber, Tal Lindstrom, and Lee DeLorme (OSD/PA), as well as with my ISP colleagues. OSD/PA told me that, before the memo leaves the building, they would like to see a copy of it as approved by you. I coordinated informally also with Cary Lord and Sven Kraemer.

By the way, at the recommendation of Bill Shultz from Readers Digest I spoke yesterday with Jane Hamilton-Merritt, a writer who has published extensively on Yellow Rain. She may be interested in doing another article on the subject and asked if we could arrange an interview for her with the SecDef. I said we would try to be helpful. I suggested that she may want to write an article for TV Guide on why the networks have given so little attention to the issue, or an article for another publication on what Yellow Rain teaches us about arms control. She promised to telephone me again in a few days.

*Yes*  
*TV Guide would be good*

Dr. Sharon Watson visited me today. She said she would gladly work with us in generating interest in the scientific community, as outlined in the attached memo.

Recommendation: That you sign the memo at TAB A to ~~Judge Clark~~ *Bud McFarlane*.

*[Signature]*  
DOUGLAS J. FEITH  
Special Counsel

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Mr. Secretary:

Hugh Montgomery reports that McMahon at CIA has received strong signals that if the President attends the funeral it would have a major and favorable impact on the Soviet Leadership. McMahon believes that this positive reaction would translate specifically into I N F and START.

Ray

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TO CLARK

KEYWORDS: USSR

BREZHNEV, LEONID I

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY (M)

RCM HAS SEEN

SUBJECT: Rumors of Brezhnev's death

Tom Simon, Soviet desk officer at State, telephoned me to convey several rumors of Brezhnev's death. In fact, he mentioned that our DCM in Moscow, Warren Zimmerman, called to report his conversation with Ed Stevens, a resident Moscow newsman (for 25 years) who has strong KGB connections. Stevens asserted that he had reports from five good sources that Brezhnev is dead. Both Secretary Shultz and CIA Director Casey have been informed of Zimmerman's call.

cc: Richard Pipes  
Oliver North  
Walter Raymond

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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV'S DEATH

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2. THE EXPECTED HAS FINALLY HAPPENED, ALTHOUGH THE PRACTICE OF THIS CLOSED SYSTEM DID NOT PERMIT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A LEADER'S DEATH UNTIL THEY WERE GOOD AND READY.

3. AT THE BIG RECEPTION THE OTHER DAY LEONID BREZHNEV APPEARED TO ME TO BE A MAN WHOSE COUNTRY WAS ASKING TOO MUCH OF HIM. MY BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN COLLEAGUES DISAGREED WITH ME YESTERDAY WHEN I SAID THAT BREZHNEV COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE PART OF THE ACTIVE GOVERNANCE OF THIS COUNTRY. ONE OR TWO OF THEM THOUGHT HE LOOKED BETTER THAN LAST YEAR. WE SAW HIM, OF COURSE, AFTER HE HAD STOOD OVER TWO HOURS IN THE COLD WIND AND AFTER A WEEK OR MORE OF ACTIVITY. IN MY BRIEF EXCHANGE THERE WAS HARDLY A SPARK OF UNDERSTANDING. I THOUGHT GIVEN HIS SENTIMENTALITY THAT I WOULD RECALL AN EVENT HE PROBABLY TREASURES AND WHERE I WAS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

PRESENT-VLADIVOSTOK. IT TOOK THREE TRIES BY ME, THE INTERPRETER, AND FINALLY GROMYKO TO GET THE ESSENCE THROUGH. THERE WAS SOME BRIGHTENING IN THE LOOK AND THEN THE SLIGHTLY CLOUDY BLUE EYES WENT BLANK ONCE AGAIN. THUS SIGHT, HEARING AND BREATHING WERE ALL SEEN TO BE IMPAIRED.

4. THE SENSE OF THE RECEPTION WAS CERTAINLY NOSTALGIC. BREZHNEV'S ASSISTANT ALEXANDROV LOOKED AS THOUGH THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD WAS ON HIS SHOULDERS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP BUT HOPED SOMETHING MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED. I HAD THE FEELING HE WAS ALMOST EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS OWN FUTURE.

5. WITH BREZHNEV'S DEATH, THIS IS A TIME OF MONUMENTAL JOCKEYING HERE. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT WE TRY TO KEEP OUR MANY OFFICIAL VOICES IN HARMONY. IN PARTICULAR, WE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SPECULATE ON THE SUCCESSION. THIS IS A SENTIMENTAL AND PROUD PEOPLE WHO LOVE STRONG LEADERSHIP. THEY WILL NOT TAKE KINDLY TO OFFICIAL OUTSIDERS DENIGRATING THE GREAT MAN. IN ANY CASE, WE SHOULD AGAIN MAKE CLEAR OUR FIRMNESS OF PURPOSE AND INTENT TO PURSUE POSITIVE AVENUES TO PEACE IF WE GET AN APPROPRIATE SIGNAL FROM THE NEW LEADERSHIP. WHILE OUR PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS (SECURITY BALANCE, POLAND AND AFGHANISTAN) WILL NOT GO AWAY, WE MUST BE ALERT TO AND BE SEEN TO ENCOURAGE STEPS TOWARD RESTRAINT AND ACCOMMODATION.

6. WE WILL GET TO YOU THE PLANS ON ANY PUBLIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE CONVEYED TO US. I HOPE UNTIL WE HAVE THEM IN HAND THAT WE CAN LIMIT STATEMENTS ON OUR SIDE TO THE FACT THAT WE WILL, OF COURSE, PARTICIPATE IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

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7. IF, AS IS LIKELY, THE SOVIETS WILL WANT A MAJOR STATE FUNERAL, IT WILL PROVIDE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIGNAL WHAT KIND OF A RELATIONSHIP WE WANT WITH THE NEW REGIME. I KNOW THERE ARE ALREADY CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THIS; I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT AND YOU TO LEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION. THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERIOUS TALKS; AT THE LEAST YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET ACROSS AT A HIGH LEVEL AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF OUR POLICIES. ABOVE ALL, WE SHOULD CONVEY-IN OUR INITIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGE AND IN OUR PRIVATE EXCHANGES WITH THE NEW LEADERS-OUR WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ANY CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS THEY MIGHT TAKE. PREVIOUS SUCCESSIONS (1953-55 AND 1964-65) HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY EFFORTS TO SOLVE SOME OUTSTANDING FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS. THIS SUCCESSION, AT LEAST AT FIRST, WILL BE OLDER AND LESS FLEXIBLE; NEVERTHELESS WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO PERSUADE THEM THAT A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE FOREIGN POLICY IS BOTH A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY.  
HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV'S DEATH--IMMEDIATE REACTIONS TO  
ANNOUNCEMENT

1. (c-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: AS OF FOUR HOURS AFTER PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREZHNEV'S DEATH, MOSCOW IS QUIET,  
WITH NORMAL WORKDAY ACTIVITIES CONTINUING  
EVERYWHERE. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL ARE EXPECTED  
TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON, AND SHOULD PROVIDE FIRST  
CLUE OF NEW LEADERSHIP ARRANGEMENT. OFFICIALS  
AT MFA AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY ARE WORKING

ON PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED  
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING TWO GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING  
MEETING NEXT WEEK OF U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AND ECONOMIC  
COUNCIL. FLAGS ARE DRAPED WITH BUNTING, BUT  
FEW SIGNS OF PUBLIC GRIEF ARE PRESENT. END  
SUMMARY.

3. ALTHOUGH SOVIET MEDIA WERE CLEARLY AWARE OF  
BREZHNEV'S DEATH AS OF THE EVENING HOURS OF  
NOVEMBER 10 (A NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE TO ANGOLA WAS  
ANNOUNCED AS BEING SIGNED ONLY BY THE PRESIDUM OF  
THE SUPREME SOVIET AND THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE),  
THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS WITHHELD FOR OVER TWENTY-  
FOUR HOURS, AS HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL WITH THE DEATH OF  
LEADERSHIP FIGURES. ORDERLY ANNOUNCEMENT AND OTHER  
SIGNS INDICATE THAT THE LEADERSHIP IS DETERMINED TO  
DEMONSTRATE THE EXTERNAL APPEARANCE OF NORMALCY. THE  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUNERAL WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST  
INDICATORS OF A PROTOCOL ORDER OF THE LEADERSHIP, BUT  
IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE ACTUAL POWER RELATION-  
SHIPS AND DIVISION OF LABDR BECOME CLEARLY EVIDENT TO  
THE OUTSIDE WORLD. AS YET THERE IS NO INDICATION  
WHETHER THE PARTY PLENUM SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 15  
WILL GO AHEAD OR BE POSTPONED. IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING  
FOREIGN LEADERS AT THE FUNERAL, THE NEW LEADERS WILL  
HAVE TO DECIDE SOON HOW TO HANDLE THE SCHEDULED  
WARSAW PACT SUMMIT IN EARLY DECEMBER AND THE 60TH

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SOVIET UNION  
SCHEDULED FOR LATE DECEMBER.

4. EARLY INDICATIONS OF SOVIET INTENTIONS TO CARRY ON  
BUSINESS AS USUAL TO MAXIMUM EXTENT COMPATIBLE WITH  
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE TYPIFIED BY INFORMAL WORD WE HAVE  
RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE THAT PLANS  
ARE STILL ON FOR MEETING OF U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AND  
ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO MEET BEGINNING NOVEMBER 16. VISIT  
OF CODEL DOLE IS PRESUMABLY STILL WELCOME (CODEL IS  
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 15 AND MFT  
OFFICIAL BELIEVED FUNERAL WOULD TAKE PLACE MONDAY  
AFTERNDON). ANOTHER SIGN OF CONTINUITY IS THE FACT  
THAT MFA CALLED IN POL COUNS HALF HOUR BEFORE DEATH  
ANNOUNCEMENT TO CONFIRM PLANS FOR BILATERAL MEETING IN  
MOSCOW IN EARLY DECEMBER BY A DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL  
PURSUANT TO SEPTEMBER SHULTZ-GROMYKO MEETING.

5. MOST OF OUR OFFICIAL CONTACTS HAVE THUS FAR  
AVOIDED ANY MEETINGS WITH US. TWO EMBOFFS SHOWED  
UP AT PRAVDA ONE HOUR AFTER THE DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT  
TO MAKE A PREARRANGED CALL ON DEPUTY EDITOR  
GRIGORIEV, BUT WERE TOLD BY GRIGORIEV BY PHONE

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FROM THE LOBBY THAT THE EMBOFFS HAD FAILED TO  
RECONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT (WHICH HAD NOT BEEN  
MADE A PREREQUISITE WHEN THE APPOINTMENT WAS FIRST  
ARRANGED) AND THAT A MEETING (EVEN FOR FIVE  
MINUTES) COULD NOT TAKE PLACE. AT ABOUT THE  
SAME TIME, OTHER EMBOFFS ALSO UNSUCCESSFULLY  
SOUGHT TO SEE USA AND CANADA INSTITUTE STAFFERS  
WITHOUT AN ADVANCE APPOINTMENT. THEY WERE TOLD  
THAT THERE WAS "NO ONE AVAILABLE" TO RECEIVE  
THEM. AT BOTH THE PRAVDA BUILDING AND THE  
INSTITUTE, THE PUBLIC AREA SEEMED QUIETER  
THAN NORMAL.

6. AT MID-DAY THE KREMLIN GROUNDS WERE CLOSED TO

TOURISTS, ALTHOUGH NORMAL KREMLIN STAFF AND  
WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITHIN THE KREMLIN  
WERE ADMITTED BY GUARDS WITH ONLY A CURSORY GLANCE  
AT THEIR IDENTIFICATION PAPERS.

7. OVERT SECURITY AROUND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN  
CENTRAL MOSCOW REMAINS AT A NORMAL LEVEL WITH THE  
SINGLE EXCEPTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING,  
WHERE A NUMBER OF PLAINCLOTHESMEN ARE HANGING  
AROUND THE ENTRANCES IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL  
UNIFORMED KGB AND MILITIA GUARDS.

8. SHORTLY BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREZHNEV'S  
DEATH IN THE LATE MORNING, THERE WAS AN UNUSUALLY  
LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VEHICLES PARKED IN FRONT  
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING INCLUDING  
FIVE LARGE ZIL LIMOUSINES WITH MOTORS RUNNING.  
BY EARLY AFTERNOON THE NUMBER OF PARKED OFFICIAL  
VEHICLES NEAR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS  
HAD DROPPED TO NORMAL. BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON  
THERE WAS ONE CHANGE FROM NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR  
VEHICLES AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE: THE LARGE  
CENTRAL PARKING AREA WITHIN THE CC COMPLEX WAS  
COMPLETELY DEVOID OF ANY PARKED CARS AND THERE WAS  
NO ADMITTANCE INTO THE COMPLEX FOR VEHICLES.

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9. THOSE PEDESTRIANS AND SHOP CLERKS WITH WHOM  
EMBOFFS HAD OCCASION TO TALK ASKED IF WE HAD HEARD  
THE NEWS, AND GENERALLY EXPRESSED THEIR FEELINGS  
THAT THE EVENT WAS "HORRIBLE" (UZHASNO). SMALL  
CLUSTERS OF PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, MEN AND WOMEN, IN  
VARIOUS SPOTS WERE EXCHANGING THE NEWS AND DISCUSSING  
IT. SEVERAL SOVIETS WERE SEEN IN A LOCAL POSTER STORE  
BUYING UP BREZHNEV'S PORTRAITS. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL  
IMPRESSION WAS ONE OF NORMAL EVERYDAY ACTIVITY, WITH  
NO EXCESSIVE SIGNS PUBLICLY OF SHOCK OR GRIEF.

10. THE MOOD OF THE PEOPLE IN MOSCOW'S FOODSTORES  
AT MID-DAY WAS NORMAL: THEY WERE MORE INTERESTED  
IN STANDING IN THREE LINES AT ONCE TO BUY SAUSAGE,  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNED FISH THAN IN  
DISCUSSING BREZHNEV'S DEATH. IN FACT, NONE OF  
THE CUSTOMERS IN THE LINES EMBOFF STOOD IN MENTIONED  
THE SOVIET EVENT OF THE YEAR (IF NOT THE DECADE).  
THE ONLY CONVERSATION ON THE TOPIC THAT WAS HEARD  
INVOLVED THREE MIDDLE-AGED SALESWOMEN, ONE OF WHOM  
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE ABSENCE OF CUSTOMERS AT  
THEIR COUNTERS TO PASS THE WORD OF BREZHNEV'S  
DEATH. WHILE IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM THEIR QUESTIONS  
THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST THEY HAD HEARD OF BREZHNEV'S  
PASSING, THEY SHOWED NEITHER SURPRISE NOR EXCITEMENT

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AT THE NEWS. THE SALESWOMAN, WHO HAD APPARENTLY  
HEARD THE OFFICIAL REPORT, SAID THAT BREZHNEV  
HAD DIED AT 8:30 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 10 OF A "HEART  
ATTACK." ONE OF THE OTHER WOMEN LOUNGING  
AROUND THE FISH COUNTER SAID THAT "IT'S ALWAYS  
THE HEART THAT GOES".

11. FLAGS ON SOVIET GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE BUILDINGS  
ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DRAPED WITH BLACK  
BUNTING, AND TEAMS OF WORKERS ARE DEPLOYING DRAPED  
FLAGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THIS EMBASSY, AND WE  
UNDERSTAND OTHERS, HAS LOWERED THE FLAG  
TO HALF-MAST.

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RESPONSE TO MFA ON DATES FOR CROCKER VISIT.  
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1. ~~(ENTIRE TEXT.)~~

2. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFA USA DEPARTMENT  
TARASENKO CALLED IN POL COUNSELOR AT OPENING  
OF BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 11. MEETING TOOK  
PLACE AT 10:30 A.M., JUST ONE HALF HOUR  
BEFORE DEATH OF BREZHNEV WAS ANNOUNCED.  
TARASENKO RESPONDED FORMALLY TO U.S. PROPOSAL  
THAT CONSULTATIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA BE  
CONDUCTED IN MOSCOW IN EARLY DECEMBER. HE  
SAID SOVIETS WISHED TO SET A FIRM DATE  
FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN  
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BY GROMYKO AND THE  
SECRETARY, AND SUGGESTED EITHER DECEMBER 1 OR 2.  
POL COUNSELOR SAID WE WOULD REPORT THIS PROPOSAL,  
WHICH WAS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD WE ORIGINALLY  
PROPOSED. TARASENKO WAS UNABLE TO INDICATE  
WHO WOULD BE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE, BUT  
ASSURED US IT WOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

CROCKER. POL COUNSELOR INDICATED THAT  
CROCKER WAS CURRENTLY IN AFRICA WITH VICE  
PRESIDENT AND IT MIGHT TAKE A BIT OF TIME  
TO FIRM UP THE DATE. TARASENKO COMMENTED  
THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD  
BE IN AFRICA UNTIL NOVEMBER 23, WHICH WE  
CONFIRMED.

3. TARASENKO REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON  
REPORTS OF BREZHNEV'S DEATH (WHICH HAD NOT  
YET BEEN ANNOUNCED), BUT HE SEEMED AWARE OF  
THE FACT. WE ASSUME RESPONSE ON CROCKER  
VISIT WAS CONVEYED IN FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT  
MEETING WOULD OCCUR IN POST-BREZHNEV  
ERA, AND INDEED MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO

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OF THE NATION, AND A WARNING TO WOULD-BE ENEMIES NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

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3. YURI ANDROPOV'S SELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BREZHNEV FUNERAL COMMISSION CONSTITUTES A PRELIMINARY SIGNAL THAT THE FORMER KGB CHIEF MAY BECOME THE CPSU'S NEXT LEADER. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME IN A TASS ANNOUNCEMENT, READ ON SOVIET TELEVISION, FROM THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WERE LISTED AS FOLLOWS: ANDROPOV, GORBACHEV, GRISHIN, GROMYKO, PEL'SHE, TIKHONOV, USTINOV, CHERNENKO, KUZNETSOV, KAPITONOV, ZIMYANIN, ALEKSANDROV, SHALAYEV, PASTUKHOV, BLOKHIN, MARKOV, KHRENNIKOV, PONOMAREV, BONDARCHUK, TERESHKOVA, BEREGOVOI, GORDIYENKO, SMIRNOV, GOLUBEVA, GITALOV. WHILE THE LISTING OF FULL POLITBURO MEMBERS WAS ALPHABETICAL, ANDROPOV WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS THE CHAIRMAN. (AMONG THE MOSCOW-BASED LEADERS, DOLGIKH, DEMICHEV, KIRILENKO, AND PONOMAREV

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1. (ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: THE DESIGNATION OF ANDROPOV AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BREZHNEV FUNERAL COMMISSION IS A POSSIBLE SIGNAL THAT HE WILL SUCCEED THE DECEASED LEADER AS PARTY HEAD. THE ADDRESS TO THE PARTY AND PEOPLE FROM COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP ORGANS WAS AS EXPECTED: IT EMPHASIZES THE CONTINUITY OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, THE UNITY

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ARE NOT MEMEBERDF THE FUNERAL COMMISSION.)

4. WE NOTETHAT IN THE PAST THE DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE FUNERAL COMMISSION HAS BEEN A TIP TO THE IDENTITY OF THE DEAD LEADER'S SUCCESSOR. USTINOV, FOR INSTANCE, HEADED DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO'S FUNERAL COMMISSION IN 1976, AND PREMIER TIKHONOV HEADED THE FUNERAL COMMISSION FOR HIS PREDECESSOR KOSYGIN IN 1980. IN THE CASE OF SUSLOV'S DEATH, NON CHAIRMAN OF THE FUNERAL COMMISSION WAS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED, ALTHOUGH GRISHIN PLAYED THIS ROLE. THESE WAS INTENSE INFIGHTING OVER THE SELECTION OF SUSLOV'S SUCCESSOR, AND SEVERAL MONTHS ELAPSED AFTER SUSLOV'S DEATH BEFORE ANDROPOV WAS PUBLICLY NAMED AS HIS SUCCESSOR.) AT ANY RATE, THE PRAVDA OBITUARY, WHICH SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER 12 PRAVDA, WILL BE

THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE REGIME TO SIGNAL A LEADERSHIP LINEUP. THE WAKE, WHICH MAY BEGIN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, WILL ALSO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP CLUES.

5. TASS HAS ALSO PUBLISHED AN ADDRESS OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PRESIDUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET, AND THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND SOVIET PEOPLE. IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO BREZHNEV, THE ADDRESS CALLS FOR NATIONAL UNITY AROUND THE PARTY AND EMPHASIZES THE PARTY'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR CURRENT DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES. STRESSING BREZHNEV'S CONTRIBUTION TO "PEACE, PEACEFUL COOPERATION, DETENTE, AND DISARMAMENT, THE ADDRESS WARNS WOULD-BE ENEMIES NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. "WE SEE THE ENTIRE COMPLEXITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION," SAYS THE STATEMENT, "THE ATTEMPTS BY THE AGGRESSIVE CIRCLES OF IMPERIALISM TO UNDERMINE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, TO PUSH THE PEOPLES TO THE PATH OF ENMITY AND MILITARY CONFRONTATION. BUT THIS CANNOT WEAKEN OUR RESOLVE TO UPHOLD PEACE. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE FOND OF MILITARY VENTURES WILL NOT CATCH THE LAND OF THE SOVIETS UNAWARES, SO THAT THE POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR WILL KNOW THAT A CRUSHING RETALIATORY STRIKE AWAITS HIM INELUCTABLY."

6. ON INTERNAL MATTERS, THE LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

REAFFIRMS THE COLLECTIVITY OF THE LEADERSHIP, THE NEED FOR OBSERVING "LENINIST NORMS" (I.E. NO PURGES OR TERROR) OF INTERNAL PARTY LIFE, AND THE UNITY OF THE PARTY WITH THE PEOPLE. CURRENT ECONOMIC POLICIES, INCLUDING THE FOOD PROGRAM, ARE ALSO REAFFIRMED IN GENERAL TERMS. HARTMAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 MOSCOW 13596  
E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, PDIP, UR  
SUBJECT: MUSCOVITES CONTINUE TO REACT CALMLY TO  
BREZHNEV'S PASSING  
REF: MOSCOW 13587

1. (ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. AS OF 6:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, MOSCOW STREET LIFE  
APPEARS NORMAL, WITH THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET GOING ON  
ABOUT HIS EVERYDAY BUSINESS. BLACK-BORDERED FLAGS  
HAVE NOW APPEARED THROUGHOUT THE CENTER OF MOSCOW  
AND VIRTUALLY EVERY CITIZEN MUST NOW BE AWARE OF

THE EVENT. IF ANYTHING, MUSCOVITES CONTINUE TO BE  
SLIGHTLY MORE QUIET AND SUBDUED THAN NORMAL. AMONG  
THE OBSERVATIONS EMBOFFS HAVE REPORTED DURING THE  
AFTERNOON ARE:

3. SIX "CHERRY-PICKER" CRANES WERE HARD AT WORK ON  
THE FACADE OF THE DOM SOYUZOV, WHERE EXPIRED SOVIET  
LEADERS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES HAVE LAIN IN STATE.  
PRESUMABLY BREZHNEV'S BODY WILL BE ON DISPLAY THERE  
AS WELL.

4. MUCH ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL  
MOSKVA ON MARX PROSPECT, WITH MANY OFFICIAL CARS  
DISCHARGING PASSENGERS, POSSIBLY CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
SUPREME SOVIET MEMBERS ARRIVING IN MOSCOW.

5. LONGER THAN USUAL QUEUES AT NEWSSTANDS WERE  
SEEN. THE AFTERNOON IZVESTIYA HAD NOT APPEARED  
ON THE STANDS BY 6:00 P.M. (IT IS USUALLY OUT BY  
4:00 P.M.), AND PURCHASERS HAD TO BE SATISFIED  
WITH VECHERNAYA MOSKVA, WHICH CARRIED ONLY THE  
BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH ON THE FRONT PAGE.

6. BREZHNEV'S PORTRAIT SOLD OUT AT THE ARBAT POSTER

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

STORE AT ABOUT 5:00 P.M. EMBOFFS OBSERVED A MEDIUM-  
SIZED LINE FOR THE PORTRAIT, AND A PHOTOGRAPHER  
(APPARENTLY FROM A NEWSPAPER) WAS BUSILY SNAPPING  
PICTURES OF THE LAST CUSTOMERS.

7. ISOLATED COMMENTS OF SOVIET CITIZENS INCLUDED  
SPECULATION ABOUT WHETHER THE SUCCESSOR WOULD BE  
ANDROPOV OR CHERNENKO, MILD ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE LEVEL  
OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE BREZHNEV YEARS, AND ONE OR  
TWO REMINISCENCES OF STALIN'S PASSING. ONE ELDERLY  
WOMEN OBSERVED THAT SHE HAD BEEN AROUND IN 1953, AND  
TOLD AN INTERLOCUTOR THAT IN COMPARISON WITH CURRENT  
LEADERS, STALIN WAS A "REAL" LEADER.

8. AN EMBOFF WHO DROPPED IN AT A BEER STAND FREQUENTED  
BY WORKERS FOUND THAT NO ONE SAID A WORD ABOUT  
BREZHNEV'S PASSING -- THE CONVERSATIONS CONCENTRATED ON  
SPORTS, BEER QUALITY AND PERSONAL MATTERS.

9. IN THE MAIN MOSCOW DEPARTMENT STORE (GUM) CROWDS  
CONTINUED THEIR HUSTLING FOR GOODS AND SEEMED TOTALLY  
OBLIVIOUS AS LOUDSPEAKERS CARRIED A RADIO BROADCAST  
OF THE PARTY/STATE STATEMENT AND BREZHNEV'S OBITUARY.

10. AS A SIGN OF THE OVERSENSITIVITY OF LOW-LEVEL  
SECURITY AUTHORITIES, WE NOTE THAT SHEREMYETOVO  
AIRPORT AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO ALLOW AN EMBASSY TRUCK

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 MOSCOW 13596  
ONTO THE TARMAC TO MEET AN INCOMING COURIER IN THE  
AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 11. ALTHOUGH THE COURIER WAS NOT  
REFUSED ENTRY, HE REMAINED ON THE FLIGHT AND RETURNED  
TO VIENNA WITH HIS POUCHES. HARTMAN

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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW FLASH 9955

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, UR, US  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

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BY KDB

DATE 12/5/15

1. ~~(SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT)~~.
2. YOU SHOULD DELIVER IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO VASILY VASIL' YEVICH KUZNETSOV FROM THE PRESIDENT.
3. BEGIN TEXT. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT LEONID IL' ICH BREZHNEV. PRESIDENT BREZHNEV WAS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES. MAY I ASK YOU TO CONVEY OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONVEY THROUGH YOU TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE THE STRONG DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO WORK TOWARD AN IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONDUCTING RELATIONS WITH THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE SOVIET UNION WITH THE AIM OF EXPANDING THE AREAS WHERE OUR TWO NATIONS CAN COOPERATE TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

END TEXT. SHULTZ

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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW FLASH 9956

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, UR, US  
SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. YOU SHOULD DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO.

3. BEGIN TEXT. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT LEONID IL' ICH BREZHNEV. I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR SENSE OF LOSS AT THE DEATH OF A COLLEAGUE WHO PLAYED SUCH A LEADING ROLE IN YOUR NATION AND IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THESE RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THIS END.

SINCERELY, GEORGE SHULTZ  
END TEXT. SHULTZ

END OF MESSAGE FOOTER

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SUBJECT: EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES ON BREZHNEV'S  
DEATH

REF: LENINGRAD 2807

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCES  
AS PROPOSED PARA 2, REFTEL.

2. FOR MOSCOW: AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN BOOK  
OF CONDOLENCES. SHULTZ

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Secretary Shultz will bring his proposals for the delegation with him at the 1:00pm meeting today.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *R*

SUBJECT: U.S. Delegation to Brezhnev Funeral

It seems to me the delegation should be powerful enough not to cause a visible contrast with other Allied delegations, but not so high-level as to send a wrong signal to Moscow. In particular, it should not include individuals clearly identified with detente or appeasement (as, for example, Averell Harriman, who was directly involved in the Yalta negotiations). My suggested list would be as follows:

Head of Delegation: Vice President George Bush

Members of Delegation:

Secretary of State George Shultz  
U.S. Ambassador to USSR, Arthur A. Hartman  
Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Former Secretary of State  
Senator Howard H. Baker, Senate Majority Leader  
Congressman Thomas P. O'Neill, Speaker of the House.

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WHITE HOUSE FOR OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PEPR, PINR, PINT, UR

SUBJECT: ANDROPOV NAMED CPSU GENERAL SECRETARY

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. YURI ANDROPOV WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT A SPECIAL PLENUM HELD ON NOVEMBER 12. NO OTHER LEADERSHIP CHANGE WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE PLENUM. BREZHNEV'S POST AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET, REMAINS UNFILLED, THOUGH THIS POSITION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE FILLED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. (A SESSION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET WILL MEET ON NOVEMBER 23.) AMONG THE CANDIDATES PROMINENTLY MENTIONED HERE FOR THE LATTER POST INCLUDE KONSTANTIN CHERNENKO, ANDROPOV'S CHIEF RIVAL FOR THE PARTY SUCCESSION, AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO.

3. IN SELECTING ANDROPOV FOR THE PARTY POST, THE LEADERSHIP HAS ACHIEVED A DISPLAY OF UNITY AND COHESION. ANDROPOV'S NOMINATION WAS MADE, FOR INSTANCE, BY CHERNENKO, WHO DESCRIBED THE NEW PARTY BOSS AS A LEADER IN THE BREZHNEV TRADITION OF "RESPECT FOR THE OPINION

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

OF OTHER COMRADES AND, I CAN EVEN SAY, A PASSION FOR COLLECTIVE WORK." THE EXPEDITIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE REGIME HAS NAMED A SUCCESSOR SUGGESTS THAT CONSENSUS ON THE SUCCESSION MAY HAVE EXISTED EVEN BEFORE BREZHNEV'S DEATH, ALTHOUGH CHERNENKO'S MANEUVERINGS UP TO ALMOST THE MOMENT OF BREZHNEV'S DEATH SUGGEST HE WAS STILL COVETING THE TOP PARTY JOB.

4. IN HIS BRIEF ACCEPTANCE SPEECH TO THE PLENUM, ANDROPOV UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUITY IN BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES. HE REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT "AS HEAD OF THE PARTY AND STATE, AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE COUNCIL, LEONID ILYICH BREZHNEV CONSTANTLY SAW TO IT THAT THE DEFENSIVE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE UP TO PRESENT-DAY REQUIREMENTS." IN REMARKS MADE TO EMBOFF NOVEMBER 12, YU DAVYDOV (PROTECT), SECTORHEAD AT THE USA/CANADA INSTITUTE WHO HAS IN THE PAST TOUTED ANDROPOV'S CANDIDACY FOR THE SUCCESSION, SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THE NEW LEADER WILL BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND INNOVATIVE IN FORMULATING HIS POLICIES. DAVYDOV SAID THAT THIS WOULD ESPECIALLY BE THE CASE IN SOVIET DEALINGS WITH ITS EAST BLOC PARTNERS, INCLUDING POLAND. IN DOMESTIC MATTERS, DAVYDOV SAID THAT HE EXPECTS ANDROPOV TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR MORE DISCIPLINE IN THE WORK FORCE AND FOR THE ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION.

5. THE SPEED AND APPARENT SMOOTHNESS OF THE TRANSITION TO ANDROPOV SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN POLICY FORMULATION FOR SOME TIME. IF SO, HE MAY HAVE BEEN A PRIME ARCHITECT OF THE SOVIET OVERTURE TO THE PRC ANNOUNCED BY BREZHNEV IN TASHKENT LAST MARCH. PEOPLE IN ANDROPOV'S CAMP HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH RELATIVELY FLEXIBLE VIEWS ON CHINA. AND WE NOTE THAT ANDROPOV WAS IN CHARGE OF BLOC RELATIONS ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT IN 1964 WHEN THE NEW BREZHNEV-KOSYGIN LEADERSHIP LAUNCHED AN EARLIER EFFORT AT RAPPROCHMENT WITH THE PRC. AS REGARDS EASTERN EUROPE, ANDROPOV IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE A PROTECTOR OF THE HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC REFORM, THOUGH WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE DAVYDOV'S PREDICTION THAT HE

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FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN  
WHITE HOUSE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY  
E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: OVIP  
SUBJ: BREZHNEV FUNERAL

1. (ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SO THAT YOU WON'T BE SURPRISED TO FIND ON ARRIVAL THAT THE STOLIDITY OF THE RECEPTION IS EQUALLED ONLY BY THE CHILLINESS OF A MOSCOW NOVEMBER, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MY NATO COLLEAGUES AND I ARE STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT OUR SOVIET FRIENDS ARE NOT EXACTLY KNOCKING THEMSELVES OUT FOR FOREIGN DELEGATIONS. PERHAPS THIS WILL CHANGE AS THEY FOCUS ON THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS, BUT I THINK IT'S ADVISABLE THAT OUR PLANNING TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING:

- THE ONLY CEREMONY TO WHICH FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ARE INVITED IS THE RED SQUARE FUNERAL. SO FAR NO RECEPTIONS OR MEALS ARE PLANNED.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

- ALL DELEGATIONS MUST BE HERE BY SUNDAY. THE SOVIETS DON'T WANT ANY AIRPORT PROBLEMS THE DAY OF THE FUNERAL.

- THERE WILL BE NO VIEWING OF THE BODY BY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS.

- WE ARE AT THIS POINT NOT EVEN SURE THAT OUR FULL DELEGATION CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. THE SOVIETS WERE APPALLED AT THE ROUGH ESTIMATE WE GAVE THEM OF THE NUMBERS OF DELEGATION MEMBERS AND BACK-UP.

- AS OF NOW, NO OUTSIDE PRESS WILL BE GIVEN VISAS.

- AND WE HAVEN'T YET HEARD WITH

3. SOME OF THIS IS LIKELY TO BE SORTED OUT IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO; THE SOVIETS MAY EVEN GET SMART AND OPEN UP THE KREMLIN FOR A MAMMOTH POST-FUNERAL RECEPTION. BUT THE GENERAL DRIFT IS CLEAR, AND I APPEAL TO YOU BOTH TO HOLD DOWN THE NUMBERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION NUMBERS AND BACK-UP SUPPORT. CURRENTLY THE SOVIETS LACK THE WILLINGNESS - AND POSSIBLY EVEN THE CAPACITY - TO DEAL WITH OUR CUSTOMARY ENORMOUS RETINUE. AS FOR THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION ITSELF, THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE WILL BE YOURSELVES; ADDING MORE THAN A FEW MORE WILL NOT HELP ANYONE.

4. FINALLY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR WISHES ON BILATERALS WITH THIRD COUNTRY ATTENDEES. IT'S ALREADY CLEAR THAT SOME IMPORTANT ONES ARE COMING. (PYM HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR A BRIEF MEETING.)

5. WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'M DELIGHTED THAT YOU BOTH ARE COMING. IT'S EXACTLY THE RIGHT SIGNAL TO CONVEY. WHATEVER THE TEMPERATURE OF THE MOSCOW ENVIRONMENT, YOU'LL GET A WARM WELCOME

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

FROM US.

6. BY THE WAY, MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES CONSIDER US FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO PUT UP OUR TWO PRINCIPAL MEMBERS AT SPASO SINCE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH HORRORS WITH THE SOVIETS ON WHERE THEIR PRINCIPAL DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL STAY. NO HOTEL COULD POSSIBLY BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS SPASO FOR COMFORT, LOGISTICS AND STAFFING. HARTMAN

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