

ATTENTION: Comrades I.S. Belousov, M.A. Moiseyev, B.M. Belousov

Please consider the possibility of [increasing] the rate of production of warheads and supply of R-17 missiles to the Republic of Afghanistan, take the necessary measures, and submit a progress report to the CC CPSU.

[C/O] Comrade O.S. Belyakov

(Signed) L. Zaikov

July 26, 1989

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[Logo] General Staff, Armed Forces of the USSR

July 31, 1989

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Attention: Comrade L.N. Zaikov, CC CPSU

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Dear Lev Nikolayevich:

As per your assignment, I have this to report:

At present, the Republic of Afghanistan [RA] is being regularly supplied with 8K14 missiles, complete with 8F44 land-mine-action warheads. Within the R-17 deployment area, each launcher's stock is constantly replenished with 2-3 rockets, totaling 20-25.

There are 64 warheads stored within the Turk[menian] Military District.

As of July 27, 1989, Soviet military cargo aircraft (VTA) have been delivering 41 warheads for R-17 rockets directly from the manufacturer (Novosibirsk) to Kokaidy [Soviet airbase in the Turkmenian SSR]. This amount of missiles suffices to meet RA's 6-8-day requirements.

At the same time, considering that the VTA resources of the [Soviet] Air Force have been exhausted, it appears expedient to make manufacturer-Kokaidy deliveries using rail transport, on a top priority basis. This will provide the required R-17 warhead reserve. In fact, subsequent deliveries should be made using rail transport only.

VTA deliveries should be made only in an emergency situation, when it is obvious that the rail delivery schedule is on the verge of collapse.

Report delivered. Awaiting your decision, I remain

Very truly yours,

(signed) M. Moiseyev

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