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RESOLUTION

Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Soviet Union

On sending of a Soviet military delegation to the Syrian Arab Republic

Accept the proposal of the Ministry of Defense of sending a Soviet military delegation for 15 days in December of this year to Syrian Arab Republic. The delegation will consist of comrades Smirnov N.P. (head of the delegation), Bogdanov V.A., Semenchikov V.I., Metelev Y.A., Vishenski N.I., and Denisov I.S. Charge the cost of the trip to the Ministry of Defense.

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CC KPSU

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According to the resolution of the CPSU Central Committee on Oct. 15, 1980 # P 219/49, the Ministry of Defense requests permission to send the Soviet military delegation consisting of comrades Smirnov N.P. (head of the delegation), Bogdanov V.A., Semenchikov V.I., Metelev Y.A., Vishenski N.I., and Denisov I.S. to Syrian Arab Republic for 15 days. The goal is to examine on-site opportunities for further expansion of military cooperation with the Syrian Arab Republic.

The trip is funded by the Ministry of Defense. Departure of the delegation is scheduled for December 15 this year.

We believe it's possible to support the request of the Ministry of Defense for the trip of this group of the Soviet military specialists to Syria, considering their awareness of the information of top importance.

Draft decision of the CC CPSU attached.

Deputy Head of the Administrative Section CC CPSU /signed/ (B. Drugov)
9 December 1980

Pages 3-10 contain detailed personal and career data on the delegation members.
Career details are omitted.

SMIRNOV Nikolai Ivanovich,

Military Rank: Admiral of the Fleet (4 stars)

Job Title: First Deputy Chief of the Navy,

member of the Military Council of the Navy since Sept. 1974

Born 5 Oct. 1917

Ethnicity: Russian

KPSU membership: since 1942

Education: the M. Frunze Higher Naval School, 1939; Military Academy of the General Staff, 1959;

Specialty: Tactic Operations

Travels Abroad: 1960-63 Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia; 1969 India and Pakistan; 1972 Sri Lanka; 1976 Syria; 1978 Finland and Vietnam; 1980 Guinea – all business trips

BOGDANOV Vladimir Alekseyevich,

Military Rank: Major General (1 star)

Job Title: Chief of a section of the Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff since June 1977

Born 22 May 1930

Ethnicity: Russian

KPSU membership: since 1961

Education: Military Academy of the General Staff, 1973

Specialty: Command Staff

Travels Abroad: 1976 Yemen –business trip

SEMENCHIKOV Vitaly Ivanovich,

Military Rank: Lieutenant General of the Air Force (2 stars)

Job Title: Chief of the Operational Directorate of the Air Force General Staff since 1971

Born 1 Feb. 1918

Ethnicity: Russian

KPSU membership: since 1943

Education: Krasnodar Air Force School of Pilot-Observers, 1939; Air Force Academy, 1949;

Military Academy of the General Staff, 1958;

Specialty: Command Staff of the Air Force

Travels Abroad: 1958-63 East Germany, 1963-66 Poland – with Soviet troops

METELEV Yury Alekseyevich,

Military Rank: Counter Admiral (1 star)

Job Title: Chief of a section of the Operational Directorate of the Navy General Staff since Oct. 1973

Born 24 Aug. 1926

Ethnicity: Russian

KPSU membership: since 1952

Education: the M. Frunze Higher Naval School, 1949; Naval Academy, 1963;
Military Academy of the General Staff, 1968;

Specialty: not listed

Travels Abroad: 1970 Algeria, Syria; 1976 Syria; 1977 Tunisia, Syria, Yemen – all business trips

VISHENSKI Nikolai Ivanovich,

Military Rank: Major General of the Air Force (1 star)

Job Title: Chief of the Operative section, Deputy Chief of the Naval Aviation Staff since Oct. 1968

Born 20 May 1922

Ethnicity: Ukrainian

KPSU membership: since 1944

Education: Naval Aviation School, 1941; Air Force Academy, 1951;
Military Academy of the General Staff, 1960;

Specialty: Command Staff

Travels Abroad: 1946 Japan; 1954-56 China; 1963 Bulgaria; 1968, 1971 East Germany;
1968 Poland; 1970 Egypt; 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979 USA; 1976 Syria; 1978
Yemen;

1980 Ethiopia – all business trips

DENISOV Ivan Savelievich,

Military Rank: Major General of the Artillery (1 star)

Job Title: Deputy Chief of the Anti-aircraft Missile Defense Force since March 1978

Born 26 Jan. 1931

Ethnicity: Russian

KPSU membership: since 1957

Education: Anti-aircraft Defense Force Command Academy, 1963

Specialty: Anti-aircraft Defense Command Staff

Travels Abroad: 1979 Mongolia, Syria; 1980 Angola – business trips

Pages 11-12 are practically unreadable. Essentially, they contain the General Staff order to send the delegation as proposed. Signed by the Chief of the General Staff N. OGARKOV.