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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
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Deputy Director for Operations
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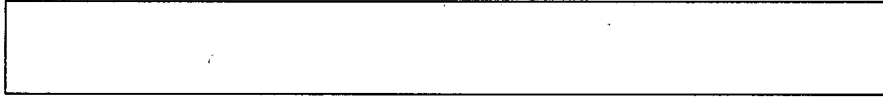
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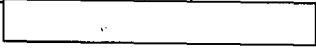
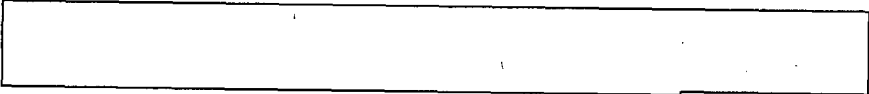
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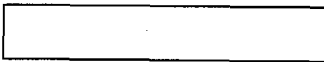
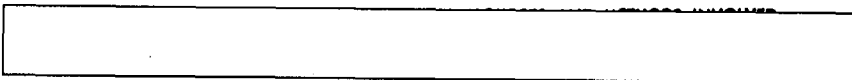
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of the Session of the Committee of Defense Ministers
of the Warsaw Pact member states

22 May 1970

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A session of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact member states was held on 21-22 May 1970.

Participating in the session of the Committee of Defense Ministers were the following members of the Committee:

-- Minister of National Defense of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, General of the Army D. DZHUROV;

-- Minister of Defense of the Hungarian People's Republic, Colonel General L. CZINEGE;

-- Minister for National Defense of the German Democratic Republic, General of the Army H. HOFFMANN;

-- Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic, General of Arms W. JARUZELSKI;

-- Minister of Defense of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Marshal of the Soviet Union A. GRECHKO;

-- Minister of National Defense of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, General of the Army M. DZUR;

-- Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, Marshal of the Soviet Union I. YAKUBOVSKIY;



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-- Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces/First Deputy
Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, General of the Army S.
SHTEMENKO;

and First Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces of the Socialist
Republic of Romania/Chief of the General Staff, Colonel General Ion
GHEORGHE.

The Committee session was chaired by the Minister of National Defense
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, General of the Army D. DZHUROV.

The Committee of Defense Ministers reviewed the following matters:

1. The status of the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Pact
countries and the measures for its further improvement.

Report of the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the
Warsaw Pact Member States, Marshal of the Soviet Union
P. BATITSKIY.

2. The status and cooperation of the navies of the Warsaw Pact
countries.

Report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy of the
USSR, Admiral of the Fleet of the Soviet Union
S. GORSHKOV.

During the discussion of the reports and the exchange of opinions on
the indicated matters, the Committee of Defense Ministers noted that in the
past few years, thanks to the constant concern of the communist and
workers' parties and governments, a great deal of work has been done to
strengthen and develop the air defense forces and navies as integral parts
of the national armed forces. The air defense forces and navies have
attained definite successes in increasing combat and mobilization readiness
and effecting cooperation both among themselves and with the other branches
of the armed forces. Formations and large units of the air defense forces
and navies are capable of successfully carrying out combat tasks under the
conditions of modern warfare.

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The Committee of Defense Ministers recognized the need to continue the implementation of measures directed at strengthening the air defense forces and navies of the Warsaw Pact member states and further increasing their combat readiness, and adopted the following coordinated recommendations and proposals.

In Regard to the First Item

As a result of the exchange of opinions on matters concerning the further strengthening and development of the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Pact member states, the Committee of Defense Ministers considers it advisable:

1. To approve the general direction of development of the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Pact member states set forth in the report of the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Countries, Marshal of the Soviet Union P. BATITSKIY.

2. To recommend:

a) The continued improvement of the air defense of the Warsaw Pact member states, particularly of combat against aircraft at low altitudes, by introducing better quality weapons and better military equipment.

b) The study of the possibility of creating mixed surface-to-air missile groupings in order to cover the capitals of the states and the most important industrial installations (areas), with the economic resources of each country taken into account.

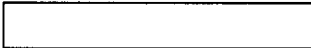
c) The inclusion of matters concerning the development of the air defense of the Warsaw Pact member states in the bilateral protocols being worked out with respect to the allocation of troops to the Combined Armed Forces and their development for the period from 1971 to 1975.

In Regard to the Second Item

In order to further strengthen and develop the navies of the Warsaw Pact member states, the Committee of Defense Ministers has recognized the need:

1. To approve the general direction of the development and preparation of the navies of the Warsaw Pact countries set forth in the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy of the USSR, Admiral of the

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Fleet of the Soviet Union S. GORSHKOV.

2. To recommend:

a) The continued qualitative increase in the combat strength of the allied navies by putting more modern combat ships and new models of weapons and technical means into service, with special attention given to the further strengthening of the strike and antisubmarine forces, the improvement of the amphibious landing means, and the development of anti-aircraft and antisubmarine weapons.

b) Consideration of the advisability of training a part of the fighters and fighter-bombers of the air forces for combat against the small surface ships and submarines of the enemy and for neutralizing his antilanding defense.

c) The improvement of the system of control, communications, and cooperation. The continuation by the staffs of the Bulgarian People's Army, the Armed Forces of the Socialist Republic of Romania, the National People's Army of the German Democratic Republic, the Polish Armed Forces, and the Armed Forces of the USSR of the development at combined exercises and war games of the use of the allied naval forces in the carrying out of combined tasks.

d) The supply of the navies in the upcoming years with a standard secure communications device for cooperation communications at the operational and tactical levels.

3. During the years from 1971 to 1975:

a) To carry out measures to strengthen the air defense of the basing areas of the allied navies and of the ships at sea; to develop coordinated plans for the air defense of the navies within the framework of the air defense of the Warsaw Pact countries.

b) To improve the organization of the naval rear services by improving their organizational structure and working out norms for the stockpiling and consumption of the main reserves of materiel.

c) To take measures to introduce computer technology into the work of the staffs.



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4. To consider it advisable to take measures for strengthening the cooperation of the navies of the Warsaw Pact member states in the Baltic and Black seas.

5. To include the development of the allied navies, depending on their economic resources, in the bilateral protocols being worked out with regard to the composition of the troops and naval forces in the Combined Armed Forces for the years from 1971 to 1975.

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In accordance with the organizational work principles of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact member states, which were adopted on 23 December 1969, the Committee of Defense Ministers unanimously adopted the following coordinated resolutions:

1. To consider the Minister of Defense of the Hungarian People's Republic the next chairman of the session of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact member states.

2. To hold the next session of the Committee of Defense Ministers in December 1970 in the city of Budapest. To review the following matters at the session:

a) The status of communications means and of the troop control system in the theaters of military operations.

b) The results of the work done on planning the development of the Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states in the years from 1970 to 1975.

Minister of National Defense
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria
General of the Army

/s/ D. DZHUROV

Minister of Defense
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Colonel General

/s/ L. CZINEGE

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Minister for National Defense of the German Democratic Republic General of the Army	/s/ H. HOFFMANN
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First Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces of the Socialist Republic of Romania/Chief of the General Staff Colonel General	/s/ Ion GHEORGHE
Minister of Defense of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Marshal of the Soviet Union	/s/ A. GRECHKO
Minister of National Defense of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic Colonel General	/s/ M. DZUR
Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces Marshal of the Soviet Union	/s/ I. YAKUBOVSKIY
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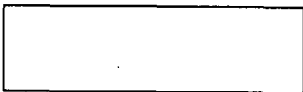
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