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DATE DISTR. 27 JULY 1957		PRECEDENCE <del>X</del> <del>SECRET</del>	PRIORITY
COUNTRY USSR	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR		
SUBJECT 1. ZHUKOV'S POSITION AFTER THE PRESIDUM PURGE 2. IMPACT OF THE PURGE ON THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES AND KGB			
DATE OF INFORMATION LATE JULY 1957		REFERENCES	
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) 3			
SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) A RELIABLE SOVIET SOURCE			
<p>1. MARSHAL ZHUKOV PLAYED A MOST DECISIVE ROLE IN KHRUSHCHEV'S RECENT VICTORY OVER THE CPSU PRESIDUM. THERE ARE NO APPARENT SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN ZHUKOV AND KHRUSHCHEV AT PRESENT. ZHUKOV SUPPORTS KHRUSHCHEV ENTIRELY, AND ENJOYS THE UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF SENIOR SOVIET MILITARY [I.E., ARMY] LEADERS, NAMELY, MALINOVSKIY, VASILEVSKIY, ROKOSSOVSKIY, BAGRAMYAN, AND KONEV.</p> <p>2. IN SPITE OF THE POWER POSITION NOW ENJOYED BY ZHUKOV, SOURCE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT HE IS LIKELY TO LAUNCH A PERSONAL DRIVE FOR POWER AT PRESENT, NOR THAT HE WILL BE ELEVATED TO A HIGHER POSITION, SUCH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ZHUKOV IS NOT BASICALLY POLITICALLY INCLINED.</p> <p>3. IN THE OPINION OF SOURCE, THE CPSU CONTROL AND INTERFERENCE IN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES HAVE LESSENERED CONSIDERABLY WITHIN THE PAST YEAR, AND THIS TREND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE CPSU PRESIDUM AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE.</p>			
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4. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE INFLUENCE AND CONTROL EXERCISED BY THE ORGANS OF SOVIET STATE SECURITY MUST OF NECESSITY BE RELAXED IN ORDER TO ENABLE KHRUSHCHEV TO CARRY OUT HIS PROPOSED "REFORMS". KGB CHIEF SEROV IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF KHRUSHCHEV.

COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED OF OCI.

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