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DATE DISTR. 16 OCTOBER 1957		PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE	
COUNTRY USSR	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR		
SUBJECT EXTENT OF CPSU CONTROL OVER POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION OF THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES			
DATE OF INFORMATION LATE SUMMER 1957		REFERENCES	
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) 3			
SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) A RELIABLE SOURCE			
<p>1. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE CPSU HAS SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN ITS CONTROL WITHIN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES SINCE JULY 1957. SINCE KHRUSHCHEV HAS BEEN SECRETARY OF THE CPSU, PARTY ACTIVITY AND DISCIPLINE, AS WELL AS MARXIST-LENINIST EDUCATION IN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES, HAS BECOME WEAKER. MOREOVER, PARTY DIRECTIVES HAVE BEEN LESS RIGID. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PARTY FORMERLY DICTATED PRECISELY WHAT SHOULD BE STUDIED BY PARTY MEMBERS IN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES IN THEIR MARXIST-LENINIST STUDY. PARTY MEMBERS ARE NOW PERMITTED A CHOICE AS TO THEIR SPECIFIC TOPIC OF STUDY. A MEMBER IS MERELY ASKED WHAT HE DESIRES TO STUDY DURING THE COMING STUDY YEAR, E.G., POLITICAL ECONOMY, <u>DAS KAPITAL</u>, ETC, AND A NOTATION OF THE MEMBER'S SELECTION IS MADE IN HIS PARTY RECORD.</p> <p>2. THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN EMPHASIS ON INDOCTRINATING NON-COMMUNIST-PARTY MEMBERS IN THE ARMED FORCES. WHEREAS THE CPSU FORMERLY SOUGHT TO DETERMINE AT THE END OF A YEAR HOW MANY NEW PARTY MEMBERS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO THE CPSU DURING THE YEAR, AS A MEASURE OF THE GROWTH OF PARTY CADRES IN THE ARMED</p>			
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FORCES, THE MATTER OF BRINGING IN NEW CADRES IS NOW APPROACHED WITH MUCH MORE CARE AND SELECTIVITY. THERE IS NO TENDENCY TOWARD RAPID EXPANSION OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP. AS IN THE PAST, PARTY MEMBERS HAVE THE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING THE MASSES AND INDOCTRINATING THEM WITH THE PARTY LINE.

COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED OF OCI.

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