

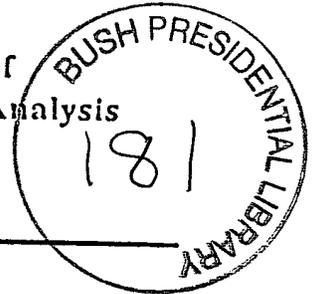
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OVERNIGHT DEVELOPMENTS

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Yesterday President Gorbachev announced three decrees--two creating new presidential advisory councils and one subordinating the Moscow KGB to the RSFSR KGB. In Georgia, the standoff between pro-government and opposition forces continues. [Redacted]

Russian and Center Developments

--Gorbachev's decree subordinates the USSR KGB in the city of Moscow and in Moscow Oblast to the RSFSR KGB. Meanwhile, the USSR state Commission on the Reorganization of Security Bodies has circulated its proposals, according to TASS. First among them is the formation of an inter-republican commission to work out the details of reorganization, which can be used as a base for drafting the security section of the projected Treaty on the Union of Sovereign States. [Redacted]

--Another Gorbachev decree created a Presidential Council on Business Activities. He later met with its members, including Chairman of the Union of Cooperative Workers V. Tikhonov, economist Pavel Bunich, the president of the Russian commodities exchange, and various businessmen. The group discussed the need to preserve a single economic space, stabilization of the ruble, speeding up privatization, and creating a favorable climate for business. [Redacted]

--President Gorbachev announced yesterday the formation of a political-consultative council to advise him. Among its members are E. Shevardnadze, A. Yakovlev, V. Bakatin, Y. Ryzhov, G. Popov, and A. Sobchak. [Redacted]

Comments and questions are welcome and may be directed to Chief, [Redacted]

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--Yesterday the Moscow Soviet adopted a package of documents regulating the privatization of enterprises and other property belonging to Moscow. It also approved an intention to turn the Moscow Television Programs Studio into an independent enterprise. []

--TASS reports today's meeting of military attaches from foreign embassies in Moscow with Chief of the Soviet General Staff Lobov. He discussed proposals concerning the restructuring of the Soviet armed forces, possible changes in military districts, and length of military service. []

--In an update, TASS reports that representatives of 10 republics signed the accord on foreign economic activity at the Moscow conference on 25 September. Ukraine has postponed signing the protocols for a week, while the Baltic states and Georgia attended as observers. []

Georgia

--Pro-government and opposition forces in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi traded accusations and threats of mass attacks overnight. Hostilities, however, appear to have been confined to sporadic gunfire, according to various press reports. President Gamsakhurdiya, in a televised address, warned that he had exhausted all means of resolving the crisis with the opposition and would not take responsibility for any consequences which may follow. []

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