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SUBJECT: SOVIET ALLEGATION OF PNPEAK ROLE IN WAR CRIMES ACQUITAL

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1. DURING A MEETING BETWEEN U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (OSI) ATTORNEYS AND SOVIET PROCURACY OFFICIALS IN RIGA, LATVIA ON 19 NOV 82 A SOVIET OFFICIAL ALLEGED THAT PNPEAK MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE RECENT AXQUITAL IN THE ((LEIPENEKS)) WAR CRIMES PORSECUTION IN A FEDERAL COURT. THE OFFICIAL WHO RAISED THE ISSUE WAS NIKOLAY GRIGOR'EVICH (ZHUKOV)), U.S.S.R. PROCURACY, KGB SECTION, BALTIC STATES AND BYELORUSSIA. HE NOTED U.S. PRESS REPORTS THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD AT ONE TIME WORKED FOR PNPEAK AND WAS NOW BEING PROTECTED BY HIS FORMER EMPLOYER. THE HEAD OF THE U.S. GROUP, OSI DIRECTOR, ALLAN A. RYAN, SAID THAT THE PRESS REPORTS WERE NOT CORRECT AND THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE TRAIL WAS BASED SOLELY ON THE JUDGES' EVALUATION OF THE EVIDENCE.

2. ZHUKOV'S COMMENT DID NOT FOLLOW NATURALLY FROM THE MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION AND IT LIKELY THAT HE WAS SIMPLY INTNET ON RAISING THE ISSUE AT SOME POINT DURING THE CONFERNECE TO PROBES RYAN'S REACTION. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE REMARK WAS DIRECTED AT [] RYAN SAID LATER THAT RAISING THE ISSUE EVEN IN PASSING AT A MEETING OF THIS TYPE WAS OUT UP CHARACTER FOR THE SOVIET SIDE.

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