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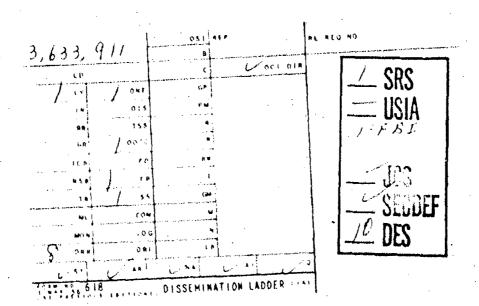
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	THE CENTRAL COMMITTED OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION (CPSU) HAS ISSUED
	A LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1957 WHICH PRESENTS THE BACKGROUND OF ZHUKOV'S REMOVAL
	AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO THE CPSU MEMBERSHIP. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY
	OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER.
1.	WHEN ZHUKOV RETURNED TO THE USSR ON 26 OCTOBER 1957, HE CALLED KHRUSHCHEV IMME-
	DIATMAY AND REQUESTED THAT A PLENUM OF THE SENTRAL COMMITTEE BE HELD. HOWEVER,
	AFTER KHRUSHOHRY HAD PRESENTED HIM THE FACTS IN THE MATTER, ZHOFOU OTATED:
	WHITH MY CHARACTER I COULD NOT OCCUPY THE LEADING POSITION IN THE ARMED PORCES.
	FUD I CONSIDER THE METION TARREST BY THE PRESIDIUM PO BE COARECT. I WILL ACCEPT
	MAY POSITION GIVEN MR AND AM READY TO DISCHARGE MY DATIES WITH FULL VIGOR."
	NOT ONLY WAS A PLETTY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HELD, BUT ALSO OF ALL COMMANDERS
	OF PHILITARY DISTRICTS AND GROUPS OF PORCES. THE CENTRAL COMMITTER MEMBERS AND
	CANDIDATE MAMBERS VOTED FIRST AND WERE UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST ZHUKOV. THE MILITARY
	DHADERS VOTED SEPARADELY, AFTER THE CHUTTRAL COMMITTER VOTE, AND ALSO VOTED

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- 3. ZHUKOV MADE MISTAKES IN THE BUILDING OF THE ARMED FORCES. HE CONTINUALLY DEMANDED MORE MONEY, BUT WHEN HE GOT IT HE ENGAGED IN SABER-RATTLING SPEECHES.
- 4. ZHUKOV WAS ECCUSED OF CREATING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THE PARTY POLICY OF LESSENING TENSIONS.
- 5. ZHUKOV DESIRED TO TAKE ALL MILITARY POWER INTO HIS OWN HANDS, WHICH COULD COMMIT THE SOVIET UNION TO A WAR AND PLACE THE COUNTRY IN A DANGEROUS POSITION.

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