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DATE DISTR. 26 NOVEMBER 1957	PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE PRIORITY
COUNTRY USSR	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR
SUBJECT REPRIMAND OF GRECHKO BY ZHUKOV AND OTHER CRITICISMS OF ZHUKOV	APPROVED FOR RELEASE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION HR-70-14 4-18-2012
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SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) A RELIABLE SOVIET SOURCE	
DURING THE PERIOD OF 27 TO 29 OCTOBER 1957, FOLLOWING MARSHAL ZHUKOV'S RETURN FROM ALBANIA, A MEETING OF ALL RANKING OFFICERS OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDERS, AND COMMANDERS OF GROUPS OF FORCES WAS HELD. IN THIS MEETING THE FOLLOWING CRITICISMS OF ZHUKOV WERE MADE:	
A. KONEV MADE A SPEECH IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT ZHUKOV MADE COMMAND DECISIONS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH ANYONE. MOST OF KONEV'S SPEECH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN <u>PRAVDA</u> .	
B. ROKOSSOVSKIY ACCUSED ZHUKOV OF BEING A CAREERIST WHO CONDUCTED MILITARY AFFAIRS DURING THE WAR WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE BLOODY LOSSES SUFFERED BY SOVIET TROOPS, IN ORDER TO FURTHER HIS OWN CAREER AND INCREASE HIS PRESTIGE.	
C. VOROSHILOV ACCUSED ZHUKOV OF FALSELY CLAIMING CREDIT FOR THE VICTORY IN THE BATTLE OF STALINGRAD, ALTHOUGH VOROSHILOV HEADED THE COMMISSION WHICH PLANNED THE CAMPAIGN.	
D. IT WAS CHARGED THAT ZHUKOV HAD REPRIMANDED GRECHKO DURING A CONFERENCE AT THE BELORUSSIAN MILITARY DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WHICH FOLLOWED THE VISIT OF KHRUSHCHEV	
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AND BULGANIN [SIC] TO EAST GERMANY. ZHUKOV HAD ORDERED GRECHKO TO MAKE NO SPECIAL MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS TO WELCOME THEM. GRECHKO FELT OBLIGED TO TAKE ACTION ANYWAY AND WAS ATTACKED BY ZHUKOV FOR HAVING DONE SO.

COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED OF ARMY AND OCI.

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