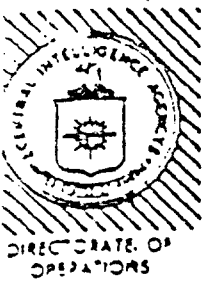


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GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ETHIOPIAN STRIKE INTO  
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1. AFTER STUDYING THE MILITARY SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA IN SOME  
DETAIL, SOVIET GENERAL V. I. P E T R O V RECOMMENDED THAT THE  
INTEGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE NEW SOVIET WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT  
DESTINED FOR ETHIOPIA UNDER PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE AN  
IMMEDIATE AND URGENT GOAL OF ETHIOPIAN DEFENSE FORCES. GENERAL  
PETROV ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT SOVIET ADVISORS AND LOGISTICS EXPERTS  
BE PLACED IN GREATER NUMBER AT ALL ETHIOPIAN DIVISIONAL  
HEADQUARTERS, INCLUDING ERITREA. THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BOTH

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WITH THE 3RD DIVISION IN HARAR, AND THE 4TH DIVISION ELEMENTS IN THE AWASA AREA.

2. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING WITH SENIOR ETHIOPIAN DEFENSE PLANNERS ANTI-AIRCRAFT STRATEGY FOR THE DEFEAT OF INVADING SOMALI FORCES, GENERAL PETROV AND HIS ASSOCIATES, AS WELL AS SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SMAP) CHIEF LT. GEN. PETR C H A P L Y G I N, HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT ETHIOPIA PLAN TO STRIKE INTO NORTHERN SOMALIA WITH BOTH AIR AND GROUND FORCES IN ORDER TO THOROUGHLY DEFEAT THE SOMALI MILITARY FORCES AND BE IN A POSITION TO FORCE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL SOMALI SUPPORT FOR INSURGENT ELEMENTS IN ETHIOPIA'S OGADEN REGION.

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