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1. FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S 26 SEPTEMBER UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
CONDEMNATION PALESTINIAN TERRORISM SHOULD NOT DETER US FROM  
CONTINUING REF CAMPAIGN BUT SHOULD BE USED TO GIVE IT NEW IMPETUS  
AND RENEW ATTENTION TO SOVIET COMPLICITY IN ARAB TERRORISM OF PAST.

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SUGGEST MEDIA ASSETS DEVELOP FOLLOWING THEMES IN EDITORIAL COMMENTARY:

A. SOVIET DENUNCIATION OF TERRORISTS COMES LATE AND ONLY AS RESULT OF WORLD OPINION PRESSURE, RATHER THAN AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. SOVIETS WOULD RATHER HAVE AVOIDED ISSUE. TURNABOUT FROM INITIAL POSTURE OF VIRTUALLY IGNORING MUNICH ATTACK ON ISRAELI ATHLETES <sup>BY REFERRING COPY TO</sup> AS "PLANNED KILLINGS ON AIRFIELD" TO CURRENT LINE OF "TRAGIC EVENTS IN MUNICH", IS SIMPLE MATTER OF OPPORTUNISM. SOVIETS CALCULATED THAT IF THEY DID NOT CONDEMN TERRORISTS, DAMAGE TO IMAGE OF RESPECTABILITY THEY HAVE BEEN CULTIVATING WOULD BE GREATER RISK THAN DANGER OF ALIENATING ARAB WORLD ALLIES.

B. DESPITE VERBAL DENUNCIATION, QUESTION ITS SINCERITY. STILL REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER SOVIETS WILL INDEED STOP SUPPORTING ARAB TERRORISTS; PUBLIC DENUNCIATION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THEIR CONTINUING SECRET SUPPLY OF WEAPONS AND MONEY. WHERE APPROPRIATE MAY EVEN IMPLY SUPPORT IS CONTINUING.

C. SOVIETS HAVE WELL-KNOWN TRADITION OF USING TERRIBLE STRAINS CREDULITY TO SUPPOSE THEY NOW HAVE DECIDED TO ELIMINATE

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IT FROM THEIR ARSENAL OF POLITICAL WEAPONS.

2. PAUL WOHL IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, 26 SEPTEMBER  
 {PRESS COMMENT 27 SEPTEMBER, ORPIOUS 151 29 SEPTEMBER, SUMMARIZED  
 BELOW BENEFIT ADDEES NOT RECEIVING ORPIOUS} PROVIDES FACTS AND IDEAS  
 FOR MEDIA ASSETS IN SUPPORT REQUESTED EDITORIAL THEMES:

- A. MOSCOW SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS  
 REVEALED MORE CLEARLY THAN EVER IN JOINT  
 SOVIET-IRAQI COMMUNIQUE OCCASIONED BY 14-19  
 SEPTEMBER 72 VISIT TO MOSCOW OF IRAQI PRESIDENT  
 AHMED AL-BAKIR. COMMUNIQUE {ISSUED IN MOSCOW  
 19 SEPTEMBER} READS: "THE TWO SIDES...  
 CONSIDER PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT INTEGRAL  
 PART OF ARAB NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND  
 AFFIRM THEY WILL BRING TO MOVEMENT, AS IN  
 PAST, MATERIAL AID AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND  
 MORAL SUPPORT."
- B. PALESTINE GUERRILLA OFFICE IN GENEVA CLAIMS  
 SOVIET ARMS SUPPORT IS DIRECT AND OPEN.

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- C. SOVIET ARMS DELIVERED TO PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ALSO INCLUDED POLITICAL DIRECTIVES AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION IN UNDERGROUND AND GUERRILLA METHODS.
- D. KREMLIN FIRST IN OPEN SUPPORT PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS JANUARY 1969 WHEN POLITBURO MEMBER AND TRADE UNION PRESIDENT ALEXANDER M. SHELEPIN ADDRESSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARAB TRADE UNIONISTS IN CAIRO.
- E. AFTER PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA LEADER YASIR ARAFAT'S JULY 1972 MOSCOW VISIT, WHEN HE WAS RECEIVED BY DEFENSE MINISTER ANDREI A. GRECHKO, WHOSE MINISTRY DISPENSES ARMS AID, MOSCOW RADIO ON 28 JULY BROADCAST FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY ARAFAT: "WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY COMRADE OFFICIALS ON DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP THAT WE SHALL RECEIVE SUPPORT...POLITICALLY, MORALLY, MATERIALLY, AND IN OTHER SPHERES..."
- F. AFTER ATTACK OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS CARRIED WITH

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RUSSIAN KALESHNIKOV AUTOMATIC RIFLES ON  
 ISRAELI ATHLETES IN MUNICH; SOVIETS RESUMED  
 THEIR EARLIER AMBIVALENCE: CONDEMN TERROR AS A  
 POLITICAL WEAPON WHILE EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING  
 TOWARD PALESTINIANS...ALTHOUGH SOVIETS NOT  
 LIKELY CONFIRM PALÆSTINIAN CLAIM OF DIRECT ARMS  
 SUPPORT, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THEIR SUPPORT FOR  
 PALESTINIANS HAS BECOME MORE ACTIVE: THEIR  
 DIALECTICIANS WILL CONTINUE TO FIND HALF-HEARTED  
 APOLOGIES FOR PALESTINIAN ACTS OF TERROR.

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