

On August 11 a conversation with Amin took place at his request. During the meeting special attention was paid to the request for the arrival of Soviet sub-units in the DRA.

H. Amin convincingly asked me to inform the Soviet leadership about the necessity of quickly dispatching Soviet sub-units to Kabul. He repeated several times that "the arrival of Soviet troops will significantly raise our moral spirit, will inspire even greater confidence and calm."

Further he said, "It is possible that the Soviet leaders worry that their adversaries in the world will view that as interference in the domestic affairs of the DRA. But I assure you that we are a sovereign and independent state and that we solve all our problems independently. Your troops will not participate in combat actions. They will be used only in moments that are critical for us. I think that we will need the Soviet sub-units until spring.

08.12.79 Gorelov

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On August 25, together with the main military advisor, I met with Amin.

Amin once again raised the issue of the introduction of our forces into Kabul, which, in his opinion, would free one of the two divisions of the Kabul garrison for the struggle with the rebels.

I responded to Amin that the introduction of our troops might lead to the complication of the military-political situation and the strengthening of American assistance to the rebels.

08.25.79 Pavlovskii

Resolution of USSR Minister of Defense D.F. Ustinov: "Submit to the CC CPSU".

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