



**December 24, 1979**  
**Directive N° 312/12/001 of 24 December 1979 signed by**  
**Ustinov and Ogarkov**

**Citation:**

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**Summary:**

Directive signed by Ustinov and Ogarkov approving a contingent of Soviet military forces to stabilize the intra-party disagreements.

**Original Language:**

Russian

**Contents:**

- English Translation

“Considering the military-political situation in the Middle East, the latest appeal of the government of Afghanistan has been favorably considered. The decision has been made to introduce several contingents of Soviet troops deployed in southern regions of the country to the territory of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in order to give international aid to the friendly Afghan people and also to create favorable conditions to interdict possible anti-Afghan actions from neighboring countries...”

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