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Informational Note from the Talks in the CC CPSU

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A note on the development of Chinese Anti-Sovietism and militarization.

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During my visit to Moscow at the invitation of the CC CPSU on January 23 and 24, [1975] I had the opportunity to conduct lengthy talks with the deputy member of the Politburo, Secretary of the CC CPSU, Comrade B.N. Ponomarov and Secretary of CC. K. F. Katushev.

[...]

10. China's Policy

Comrade Ponomarov and other Soviet comrades presented their assessment of recent events in China, including especially the CC CCP, the session of the People's Assembly, the PRC's new constitution, and the visit of [the leader of the Christian Social Union Franz Josef] Strauss.

These events, according to the Soviet comrades, mean the cementing and deepening of China's course aimed at ideological and political struggle with the socialist commonwealth, seeking allies among the imperialist forces and China's further militarization. China's recent plenum and the resolutions of the Assembly confirm the compromise between the so-called pragmatists and leftists; the leftists, however, improved their positions through introducing 5 of their people into the government, among other things, the position of the minister of internal affairs.

Strauss was received in China as the FRG chancellor. At the same time, while the Maoist leadership used to think that it was the USSR which intended to attack China, now it is expounding the thesis that the USSR does not intend to attack China, but Western Europe. This is why Mao and Zhou are calling upon Western Europe to strengthen and integrate their military.

Soviet comrades pointed to a significant fact, that is, that at the same time [of Strauss' visit], the Chinese leadership received in a celebratory manner [Kazimierz] Mijal in Beijing. They see this as a previously thought-out move, which "should not escape our attention" in Poland.

I informed Soviet comrades about our activities regarding countering the ideology and politics of Maoism. The Soviet comrades highly assess our materials and articles...