



**December 24, 1986**  
**Letter, KGB Chairman Chebrikov to East German Minister  
for State Security Mielke**

**Citation:**

“Letter, KGB Chairman Chebrikov to East German Minister for State Security Mielke,” December 24, 1986, History and Public Policy Program Digital Archive, BStU, MfS, ZAIG, Nr. 6761, S. 1-8.

Translated by Bernd Schaefer.

<http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/119332>

**Summary:**

This letter by KGB Chairman Chebrikov responds to an earlier letter sent by East German Minister for State Security Mielke. In it, Chebrikov agrees to the proposed meeting between the MfS and the KGB on the subject of a sudden nuclear missile attack on the states of the socialist community.

**Credits:**

This document was made possible with support from Carnegie Corporation.

**Original Language:**

German

**Contents:**

- English Translation

SECRET!

Minister for State Security  
of the German Democratic Republic  
Comrade Erich Mielke

Berlin

Dear Comrade Mielke!

The leadership of the KGB of the USSR always pays great attention to proposals by the MfS of the GDR concerning the convening of working meetings and consultations on basic questions of collaboration between the state security organs from our two countries. This applies to fullest extent also to your proposed meeting on the subject of a sudden nuclear missile attack. The 1<sup>st</sup> Main Directorate of the KGB of the USSR was tasked to coordinate on the working level date and agenda of consultations.

I want to emphasize that we value highly the contribution of the MfS of the GDR to the joint efforts on timely recognition of the danger of a sudden attack on the states of the socialist community. With great satisfaction I take note that the German friends have achieved tangible results in this extremely important area of activity for the state security organs from both other countries. I am convinced that collaboration will develop successfully also in the future.

I am using this opportunity to wish you, dear Comrade Mielke, from the bottom of my heart successes in your responsible work in party and state leadership, good health, and luck.

With communist greetings

V. Chebrikov  
Chairman of the Committee  
for State Security of the USSR

Moscow, 24 December 1986  
N 2510-Tsch

Translated: [signed, illegible], Lieutenant Colonel  
2 copies