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COUNTRY: (b)(3):10 USC 424

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424/MILITARY DISARRAY IN CHECHNYA  
AND MOSCOW (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(C/NF)~~ RUSSIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS IN CHECHNYA  
REFLECT DISARRAY AND DISORGANIZATION.

(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)  
MOSCOW NO BETTER.

**TEXT:**

1. ~~(C/NF)~~ (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d) THE SITUATION IN CHECHNYA. THE  
GENESIS OF THE OPERATION, (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)  
REFLECT A DEGREE OF DISARRAY AND DISORGANIZATION NOT  
EVIDENT IN SOVIET TIMES. (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

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(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)



- THE INITIAL BATTLES IN CHECHNYA WERE

(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d) CHAOTIC, (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

THE OPERATION

REFLECTED INCOMPETENCE AND LACK OF COORDINATION. THERE WAS NO UNITY OF COMMAND

(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

MORALE AMONG

(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d) THE SOLDIERS IS TERRIBLE — COMPOUNDED BY LACK OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPORT, LACK OF SLEEP, AND LITTLE CONCERN ON

(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d) FOR SOLDIER WELFARE.

DESERTIONS ARE ON THE RISE.

- GEN-MAJ ((KORZHAKOV)), YEL'TSIN'S CHIEF

BODYGUARD, IS NOW GIVING ORDERS ON CHECHNYA TO DEPUTY MINISTERS OF DEFENSE, BLATANTLY USING HIS INFLUENCE.

(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d) THE DEPUTY PRESIDENTIAL GUARD COMMANDER IS GIVING ORDERS AND SUMMONSES TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICERS.

(b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

EDUARD ((VOROBYEV)) WAS SUMMONED TO

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MOZDOK BY

(b)(1),1.4 (c),1.4 (d)

TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN  
CHECHNYA, BECAUSE OF POOR TROOP MORALE AND THE  
INCOMPETENCE OF THE OPERATION.

(b)(1),1.4 (c),1.4 (d)

FAILURE TO ESTABLISH UNITY OF COMMAND  
AS A PRIMARY FACTOR IN THE LACK OF SUCCESS OF THE  
OPERATION TO DATE.

- REGARDING THE COST OF THE OPERATION IN CHECHNYA,

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

THE DAILY TOTAL "3.5  
TRILLION RUBLES PER DAY,

(b)(1),1.4 (c),1.4 (d)

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