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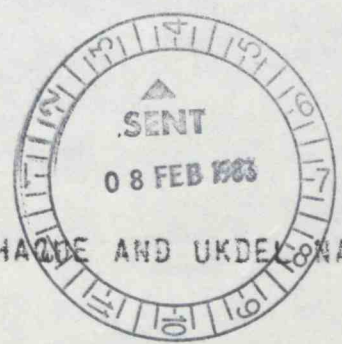
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YOUR TELNO 111 : ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY.

1. YOUR CONVERSATION WITH POPOV HAS PROVOKED A SWIFT AND SHARP RESPONSE IN A TASS COMMENTARY IN ENGLISH WHICH APPEARED ON 8 FEBRUARY. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN REPRODUCED IN THE CENTRAL PRESS.
2. YOUR ACTION IS CHARACTERIZED AS AN ATTEMPT TO " GALVANIZE A PROVOCATIVE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN". THE TIMING OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL. IT FELL ON THE EVE OF VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT DURING WHICH HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY DEMAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT " GREATER COORDINATION OF EFFORTS BOTH IN THE FIELD OF PUSHING THROUGH THE MILITARIST PLANS OF DEPLOYING NEW AMERICAN MISSILES IN EUROPE AND IN ORGANISING A CRUSADE AGAINST SOCIALISM PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN IN LONDON IN JUNE LAST YEAR ". IT WAS ALSO NO ACCIDENT THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAD COINCIDED

YEAR '' . IT WAS ALSO NO ACCIDENT THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAD COINCIDED WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE MADRID MEETING, WHERE CERTAIN WESTERN CIRCLES HOSTILE TO THE CAUSE OF DETENTE WERE STUBBORNLY TRYING TO SLANDER THE SOVIET UNION : '' FOR PURPOSES WHICH NOT ONLY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN DETENTE, STARTED IN HELSINKI , BUT WHICH RUN COUNTER TO THIS PROCESS '' .

3. TO PROCLAIM THAT SHCHARANSKY WAS A DISSIDENT SUFFERING FOR HIS VIEWS WAS A LIE AND A SLANDER. HE WAS A PROVEN CRIMINAL SENTENCED FOR SPYING FOR THE AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES. '' THERE IS NO MORE APPROPRIATE WORD THAN BLASPHEMY TO CHARACTERISE THE DEMAND FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE LONG TIME SPY COMING OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH KEEPS AT CAMPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT POLITICAL PRISONERS '' . THE ABSURD FABRICATIONS COME FROM THOSE WHO WERE '' DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH FROM HUNGER OF INMATES FROM THE LONG KESH CONCENTRATION CAMP AND OTHER JAILS IN ULSTER '' . MOREOVER , WHILST DEMONSTRATING SO MUCH CONCERN FOR THE FATE OF THE SPY SHCHARANSKY; THE '' GENTLEMEN IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON '' WERE SILENT OVER THE FATE OF PALESTINIANS MASSACRED IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS OF SABRA AND SHATILA AND THE HUNGER STRIKE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY IN THE ISRAELI CONCENTRATION CAMP IN SOUTHERN LEBANON .

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