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EA Summary No. 7, February 26

1. Soviet Military Spokesmen Warn of Chinese Threat.

Variety of Soviet Military voices have spoken out in Armed Forces Day articles regarding Chinese military threat. Central Asian Commander asserted Peking is carrying out military preparations "in border areas near us." Similar charge made by Red Star article, which also notes increased Chinese imports from capitalist countries of strategic goods (including items necessary for nuclear weapons and delivery systems) and concludes that Chinese militarism represents "real and serious international danger." Belorussian Commander

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of $1 billion to USSR to Finance Tyumen project. At Japan-Soviet economic committee meeting, two sides reportedly agreed that on-site survey team would be sent to Tyumen area in mid-May. (Tokyo 1869 UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Soviet/N. Korean Relations. N. Korean delegation headed by FonMin is in Moscow for official visit. Initial contacts described as taking place in warm and friendly atmosphere. Meanwhile, new DPRK ambassador presented his credentials Feb. 21 with ceremony receiving substantial press coverage (approximately twice that accorded new DRV ambassador). (Moscow 1607, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Korea-North/South Talks. Following Feb.24 meeting of working level conference on plenary talks agenda, ROK representative told press two sides had made considerable progress in narrowing their differences of opinion. Pyongyang Radio has not yet mentioned meeting. Next meeting is scheduled Feb. 28. (Seoul 1107, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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5. Korea-SOFA Case. Blount and Walters murder case reviewed by ROK Supreme Court, which affirmed high court finding and sentence to life imprisonment for both defendents. Pair have now exhausted appeals, and UNC expects request momentarily from Ministry of Justice to transfer them to ROK custody. We may have Congressional inquiries on whether approaches can be made to ROKG for executive clemency. (Seoul 1106, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Indonesia-Ten Percent Deposit Requirement. We have informed Embassy that while no decision made, it has been determined that there is sufficient local currency available to meet USG obligations in Indonesia for remainder of FY 72. Embassy is instructed to hold off negotiations on ten percent pending further study. (State 31077 CONFIDENTIAL EXDIS) This is in effect a temporary rpt temporary waiver; we will continue to seek a full waiver.

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7. Williams to be Returned to Philippines. US Supreme Court has denied Williams petition and he is to be transferred back to the Philippines this week. He could, however, still obtain a delay for thirty days. His return should have a very salutory effect, but could raise new problems if Gaddi tries to indict him for contempt. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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