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**DECREE of the Secretariat of the CC CPSU - An  
Appeal to the Leaders of the PDPA Groups 'Parcham'  
and 'Khalq'**

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**Summary:**

This document illustrates Moscow's fear regarding the instability and infighting among Afghan political parties, and its corresponding consequences for Soviet involvement in the Middle East.

**Original Language:**

Russian

**Contents:**

Translation - English

1. Approve the text of an appeal to the leaders of the "Parcham" and "Khalq" groups and send it to Kabul through USSR Council of Ministers KGB channels (attached). 2. Brief the Soviet ambassador to Afghanistan with the text of the appeal. [illegible signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Results of the voting: [7 illegible signatures, all recorded as voting "for"] [At the bottom of the page: "Excerpts send to Cdes. Andropov and Ponomarev"; below, "To Cde. B. N. Ponomarev, 15.5.78 (instructions to Cde. K. M. Bogolyubov); date to the left: "3.1.1974"; at the end: "Distributed: 8.1.1974. Khalturina"] [Translator's note: the last 8-10 letters of each column of the reproduction of the two pages of the next document were cut off; I have placed an "XM" where the spelling of the complete word cannot be assumed.]

KABUL Meet with K. Babrak and N. M. Taraki and give the following [to them] separately. "In Moscow they regard with deep alarm the reports coming from Kabul about the continuing mutual fighting between the leadership of "Parcham" and "Khalq". This internal strife [XM] unfortunately and its prolonged nature are leading to a weakening of both [sides], and is introducing a split in the ranks of the progressive forces and the democratic [movement] as a whole. The situation which has been created can gladden only the domestic [and] foreign enemies of the Republic of Afghanistan, who are organizing [XM] plots, sabotage, and other malicious [XM], and trying to restore previous regimes. In this [regard] complex situation all progressive forces guided by the interests of the country and the people should throw aside [XM] and combine their efforts at giving comprehensive aid to the republican regime, strengthening its social base, [XM] repel domestic and foreign reactionaries. Only joint [XM] of all progressive and patriotic forces can [bring] success in this crucial period for Afghanistan". Brief the Soviet ambassador in Afghanistan with the text of this appeal. Report when this has been carried out. 2vzh [illegible signature] CC CPSU

An Appeal to the Leaders of the PDPA Groups "Parcham" and "Khalq" In connection with the CC CPSU Decree [XM] 1973 the CC CPSU International Department together with [XM] USSR Council of Ministers has been entrusted with sending the leaders of the PDPA "Parcham" ["Banner"] Karmal Babrak and "Khalq" ("The People"), Nur Mohammed [Taraki] an appeal with a call to concentrate their efforts on [XM] support to the government in strengthening the social [base] of [XM] regime and fighting reactionary forces. A draft of the appeal to K. Babrak and N. M. Taraki [XM]. It has been coordinated with the USSR Council of Ministers KGB (Cde. F. K. Mortin). It would be advisable to brief the text of the appeal to [the Soviet ambassador in] Afghanistan. A draft CC CPSU decree is attached. Deputy Chief of the CC CPSU International Department [illegible signature] 2 January 1974 N° 25-S-2