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**Telegram from GDR Embassy in Moscow to Socialist
Unity Party (SED) Central Committee Secretary
Hermann Axen et al.**

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Summary:

Based on conversations with the Soviet Foreign Ministry, the situation in Afghanistan is stabilizing.

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To [SED Central Committee members] comrades Axen, [Joachim] Hermann, [Werner] Krolkowski, Mahlow and Ziebart

From conversations in the USSR Foreign Ministry

6. The Soviet comrades consider that in Afghanistan successful measures to stabilize the internal situation are being carried out. The creation of a new party and state apparatus is progressing. The distribution of information must be completely renewed, since progressive forces in the media were removed by the [Hafizullah] Amin regime.