

## INFORMATION

Chairman of the State Duma Defense Committee S. N. Yushenkov sent the following message from Grozny by telephone through his assistant N. Sh. Irtuganov at 21:30 on 01.12.1994 [December 1, 1994] to the Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation I. P. Rybkin:

The deputies group consisting of S.N. Yushenkov, E.A. Pamfilova, A.E. Shabada, V.N. Lysenko arrived at a consensus that they have confidence in a peaceful resolution of the existing situation. The deputies group was received by the Chechen side very warmly with the hope for a peaceful resolution.

The deputies group considers unacceptable not only carrying out but even planning any military actions and is asking I. P. Rybkin to join their position and to inform the President of Russia about it, and also to take all possible measures in order not to allow air strikes or any other military actions against Chechnya.

On December 1, S. N. Yushenkov had a short one-on-one conversation with President of the Chechen Republic D. Dudaev, after which Yushenkov remains hopeful that D. Dudaev will release part of the detained servicemen—citizens of Russia—[into the hands of] the group of deputies. In the personal conversation, D. Dudaev informed him that the phrase “the fate of the detained should be decided by the court,” refers to the detained supporters of the opposition and not to the Russian citizens.

Tomorrow morning, after a visit to the places where the Russian citizens are being held and assessment of their living conditions, their nutrition and state of health, the negotiations with D. Dudaev will be continued.

The deputies group expresses its confidence regarding a peaceful resolution of the current situation and freeing a part of the Russian citizens.

The telephonogram was transmitted by ATS [Automatic telephone station] 1 to the reception of the Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation at 22:10 on 01.12.1994 [December 1, 1994].

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