

USSR - USA - INCIDENT IN THE BLACK SEA13 MARCH, 1986 *N-111-
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IN THE USSR FOREIGN MINISTRY

A NOTE OF PROTEST WAS PRESENTED TO THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW OVER US WARSHIPS' VIOLATION ON MARCH 13/13/ OF THE STATE BORDER OF THE USSR OFF SOUTHERN COAST OF THE CRIMEA IN THE BLACK SEA.

THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO THE FACT THAT THE ACTION WAS OF A DEMONSTRATIVE, DEFIANT NATURE AND PURSUED CLEARLY PROVOCATIVE AIMS. THE NOTE SAID IT WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT US NAVAL SHIPS DELIBERATELY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWS AND RULES OF THE USSR CONCERNING THE REGIME OF SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS, THE INADMISSIBILITY OF WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT TO THE US SIDE.

SUCH VIOLATIONS, THE NOTE EMPHASIZED, CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WHICH WILL BE WHOLLY ON THE UNITED STATES.

THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY DEMANDED THAT THE US SIDE TAKE PROPER MEASURES TO RULE OUT SIMILAR PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS IN FUTURE.

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(PRAVDA, MARCH 19/19/. IN FULL).

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*[This telex announcing the delivery of a note of protest to the US Embassy in Moscow was made available by the Embassy of the USSR, Canberra].