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ELECTION OF ANDROPOV AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET  
COMMUNIST PARTY

1. PARA 3 OF OUR TELNO 692.
2. TASS HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT AT A SPECIAL PLENARY MEETING OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE HELD TODAY YURI ANDROPOV WAS ELECTED GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY IN SUCCESSION TO BREZHNEV. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE POLITBURO ANDROPOV WAS NOMINATED TO THE POST OF GENERAL SECRETARY BY KONSTANTIN CHERNENKO. HE WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED.

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