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2. Marshal Zhukov, who is Bulganin's deputy, grew up with the Soviet regime. He developed and trained under the direction of such Soviet military specialists as Tuhachevsky, Egorov, Shaposhnikov, etc. I believe he went through general staff training in Germany in 1924 or 1925. He is a most determined, able officer and a commander who is capable of executing any assignment without further direction. He always solved problems placed before him from above all by himself. On the other hand, he possesses many characteristics and traits of a person striving to attain higher goals. He is very ambitious, possesses a strong will power and great military talents. As a division commander, for instance, Zhukov was rated as one of the best and his star began to ascend during the conflict with Japan in Outer Mongolia in 1938. He really carried out a most astounding operation there and was able to bring the "undeclared war" to a speedy conclusion. After this Zhukov's rise was unchecked. During World War II he stood close to Stalin and distinguished himself near Moscow where the Germans made a major breakthrough. He was one of the organizers of Moscow's defenses and handled his task very well starting in Moscow and ending in Berlin.

3. The Soviet government did everything in its power to surround Zhukov's name with an aura of a hero. This was essential for the soldiers' morale during the crucial days of World War II. Thanks to the Party and government support and his personal qualities, Zhukov reached the post of the Commander-in-Chief of the Front with Rokosovsky and Konev serving under him.

4. [redacted] Zhukov is a person who will not stop for anything. [redacted] many generals [redacted] were afraid of Zhukov's name

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more than anything else. [redacted] Zhukov never hesitated 25X1  
to shoot anyone personally for failure to carry out his orders during the  
war. Everyone in the army knew it and was afraid of him. On the other  
hand, Zhukov was liked by his subordinates because there was iron disci-  
pline in his units which in turn was responsible for less dishonesty among  
the supply element and better food for the troops. His soldiers were well  
aware of it and knew that Zhukov was demanding not only toward them, but  
also toward the officers, which made him popular with the troops.

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6. Zhukov's stature, equals that of Tuhachevsky, Blucher or Egorov -- he is  
a national figure who could capture and lead masses -- which is very im-  
portant in the Soviet Union. He also is a person around whom there is a  
legend of invincibility and his opinions are always respected in the Soviet  
Union.

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