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Box 1.
1 Getting ready early in the morning. Women sweeping street in front of U.S. Embassy
2 Soldiers arriving - Marching in direction of Menage
3 Soldiers arriving. Traffic not yet cut off
4 Soldiers getting into place. Guarding streets
5 Red Square - getting troops placed. Sound truck in front of tomb
6 More troops getting into place
7-17 Getting Red Square ready
Container List

18 Crooked picture - Kremlin towers
19 Red Square - Figures on Lenin's Tomb
20 Sending truck working toward Red Square

Box 2.
21 Getting Red Square ready
22 Soldiers preparing to march
23 Soldiers marching up Gorki Street
24 Preparing in Red Square
25 Preparation in Red Square
26 Soldiers arrive
27 Truck spreading sand
28 Soldiers begin to line up across Gorki Street
29 Ambassador's cars arrive at nearest spot cars allowed
30 Soldiers marching in from street going down to Metropole Hotel (far left)
31 Soldiers arriving, marching past Kremlin Park
32-33 Soldiers marching in - Band in blue uniforms waits
34 Red Square crowd - Activity on top of Lenin's tomb
35 Soldiers arriving and the band waits
38 Soldiers lining way up toward Gorki Street (picture taken lying on 7th floor balcony)
39 Mourners assembled in front of Embassy (taken from balcony)
40 Mourners in front of Embassy

Box 3.
41 Getting ready
42 Mourners waiting to join cortege
43 Just before procession begins
44 Procession appears with funeral wreaths in lead
45 Procession continues - Band playing Beethoven's Funeral March
46 See #45. Two soldiers carrying something follow wreaths
47-48 See #46. Urn appears - White object
49 Procession continues toward Red Square. Waiting mourners have joined
50 Mourners and honor guards follow urn
51 Procession going past Historical Museum
52-53 Procession approaching Lenin's tomb
54 Soldiers who lined Gorki Street, leaving. Procession in Red Square
55-56 Funeral ceremony in progress (note how late in day it is)