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Political Developments

Status of Coalition Embassies In Baghdad

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Soviets Evacuating Remaining Citizens

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman reported yesterday that a "large group" of Soviet evacuees from Iraq had crossed the Iraq-Iran border and would fly to Moscow from Tehran today. On Sunday the Ministry announced that all remaining Soviet citizens --except for six journalists, who refuse to leave, and 43 Embassy staff--would be evacuated from Iraq. [REDACTED]

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USSR: Akhromeyev's Comments on Gulf Crisis

Soviet presidential adviser Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev said it was "deeply regrettable" that not all opportunities were utilized for a peaceful resolution of the Gulf crisis, according to an article in yesterday's edition of Pravda. He also described UN sanctions against Iraq as effective. Akhromeyev, however, called US and Soviet unity in condemning Iraqi aggression a successful test of the new bilateral relationship.

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