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Requirements for ^{RDC} ~~ORR Case~~ 

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1. Physical Network

a. What is the status of the following roads, i.e., surface, width, grades, drainage, adequacy of water crossings, climatic difficulties, etc: Kabul-Masar-i-Sharif--Termez; Tash-K'irgan-K'undus--Hazret; Masar-i-Sharif--Kelif; Pul-i-Khumri-K'undus.

b. How do these roads compare with the Kabul-Peshewar road? Are they capable of carrying the same load capacity?

c. Are road maintenance arms available on the roads mentioned in 1,a.

d. What is the status of construction on the projected road from Jabul us Siraj to Doshi via Kalara?

e. Is there any indication of new road or bridge construction or reconstruction of roads in northeastern Afghanistan?

2. Traffic

a. What is the quantity of traffic moving over the roads in northeastern Afghanistan to and from the Soviet border? Is traffic moving by single vehicle or in convoy? How many trucks per hour are observed moving in both direction? What types of commodities are being carried; in what volume and direction?

b. How does the present volume of road traffic in northeastern Afghanistan compare with:

1) the volume previous to June, 1955;

2) the volume presently moving on the Kabul-Peshewar road?

c. Are adequate vehicle, fueling and maintenance facilities available on these roads?


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3. Transport Costs

a. Information on the ~~essential~~ land transport in Afghanistan would be extremely valuable to this office. Costs can be given in terms of actual transport costs or freight rates for given distances or between given points, and/or the relative cost of shipping goods from Kabul to Peshawar as compared with Kabul to Termez. A breakdown of these costs by commodity would also be desirable.

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