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STATUS OF THE KURDS, PN 60.1742

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I. This project has used the services of 5 analysts and one clerk in D/GG and to date has cost a total of 1,400 man-hours. It consists of

- (a) approximately 2,600 5x8 cards, most of which contain substantive information, with the remainder containing references to neat-package documents that are largely on one subject. These cards are the examining of some 2,000 documents of which 1,000 were useful.
- (b) 400 yellow-pad pages of material developed in OCR Special Register. Most of these pages are not completely filled with writing. Over 400 documents were examined in Special Register but only half of them represent a "page-per-document" relationship.

II. Useful sources which have been exploited are:

GG/N
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OCR/BR

OCR/LI
OCR/SR
DDP/NE (FI files)

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III. Of little or no value were ACSI, State Department desks, and Library of Congress. 25X1B

IV. State Department [REDACTED] have been contacted but not exploited and probably will not be exploited. Although they contain a wealth of information it is held [REDACTED] are not Kurdish. 25X1B

V. The RI (records integration) files in DDP are at present being examined to determine the feasibility of exploitation. They are known to overlap the FI files to a certain extent.

VI. The requestor, DDP/NE/FI, has been kept informed of our progress. As of 31 August 1959, the date of the last meeting, the following points were self-evident:

- A. Comprehensive information on the Kurds has never been brought together before, making this a pioneer study, probably incomplete.
- B. The 5x8 card files should not be refined to the usual degree of finished GG/N intelligence, but should be maintained. No one expressed an interest in doing the maintaining. Possibly it should also be duplicated for use by several offices. There are several forms in which it could be put for maintenance.
- C. The pressure for immediate completion is off. The study will be of particular value for

1. A basic file which can be maintained.

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2. The generalization, trends, and tendencies in the Kurdish situation, which GG/N provides in textual form, will form a most valuable basis for [REDACTED] over the next five years.

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- D. The material developed in OCR/SR will be transferred to [REDACTED] intact and no effort will be made to sanitize more than small parts of it for inclusion in non-SR material.

VII ■. The search has not turned up enough information to make it possible to write toward each of the 60-odd topical headings in the outline. A number of these headings overlap and should be combined. A contribution could more aptly be made by writing separate papers on each of the following 8 topics:

- ✓ 1. Nature of Intra-Tribal Relationships.
- 2. Kurdish Attitudes Toward Communism, Parent Country, Other Countries, Kurdistan.
- 3. Stature and Influence of Key Leaders.
- ✓ *National* 4. Exploitation of Kurds for Intelligence, Propaganda, or Para-Military Purposes.
- ✓ 5. Attitude, Policy, and Plans of Each Parent Country Towards Its Kurdish Minority.
- ✓ 6. Capability of Each Parent Country for Effective Influence of Its Own Kurds.
- ✓ 7. Probable Reaction of Each Parent Country Toward Widespread Movement for an Independent Kurdistan and Toward Kurdish Uprisings.
- 8. Border Security.

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