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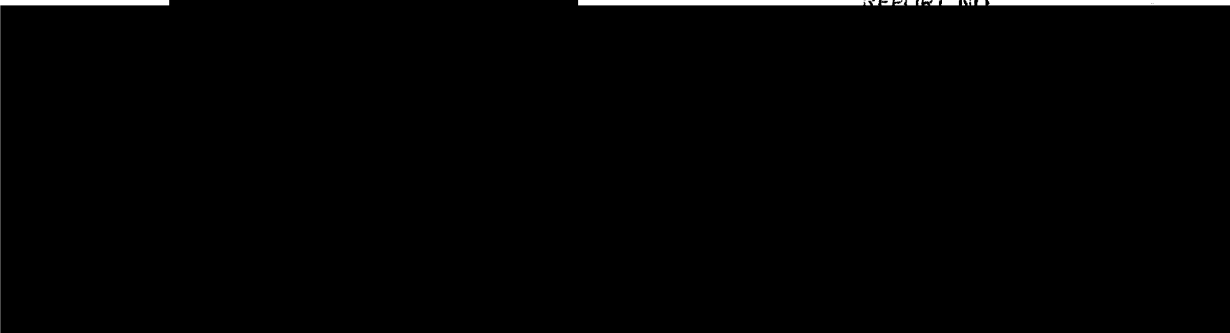
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1. Iraqi officials in Mosul and Baghdad have recently been cognizant of a significant increase in Communist and pro-Soviet propaganda among the Kurds of Iran and Iraq. It has manifested itself in the following ways:

- a. Planes, which were unidentified but believed to be based in the USSR, dropped propaganda leaflets among the Kurds in October and early November.
- b. A radio station, called "Radio Komala Democrat Kurd," located in Soviet Azerbaijan at Nakhichevan, has been broadcasting in Kurdish.
- c. Roggari, which is printed in Baghdad and is described as the official organ of the Kurdish Democratic Party, has been published and distributed secretly. The paper has as its policy the furtherance of nationalistic aspirations of the Kurds. It accuses the Iraqi Government of inefficiency and corruption, and states that the British have been responsible for the Iraqi Government's oppression of the Kurds. The paper exhorts the Kurds to unite and establish an independent nation.

2. Officials of the Iraqi Consulate in Iran report that important Kurdish refugees from Iran, Iraq, and Turkey have formed the nucleus of a Kurdish "National Government" at Nakhichevan which is given many facilities by the Soviets, and has been provided by them with a printing press.

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