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in Iraq

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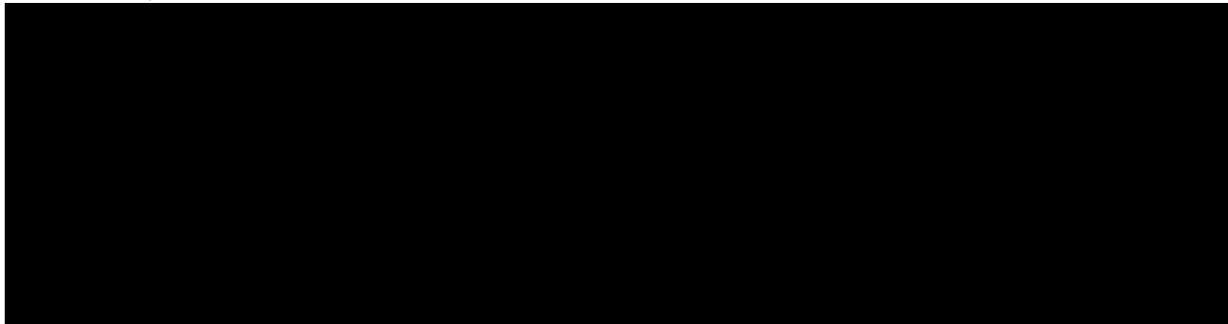
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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] a geological team, under the direction and supervision of a British geologist, has discovered large deposits of copper at Hero, Iraq, forty miles NNW of Sulaimaniya, within two miles of the Iranian border. This vein is judged by informant to average 40 percent copper.*
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] the British geologist in charge has been cautioned by the Iraqi Government not to reveal the richness of the ore nor the extent of deposits. [REDACTED] the reason for such secretiveness on the part of the Government is the fear that this rich natural resource would make an independent Kurdish state economically feasible, and would provide the Kurds with a propaganda weapon if its existence were known.
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] the Iraqi Government revealed to the Iraqi press in mid-January that copper deposits had been discovered in northern Iraq, but stated that the ore averaged between 1-7 percent, and that the extent of the vein was not known.
- 25X1A6a #: [REDACTED] Comment. This percentage of copper seems very high, in view of the fact that some of the best veins in the United States average between 1-4 percent.

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