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MSG FROM DIA
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1. (S/NFD) FROM HERE THERE IS NO REPORTED OR VISIBLE CHANGES IN
SOVIET POSTURING OPPOSITE THE IRANIAN BORDER. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BELIEVE GRECHKO VISIT DEFINITELY LINKED TO KURDISH
AUTONOMY PROBLEMS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOVIETS PUSHING IRAQIS TO
RESOLVE BARZANI PROBLEM EVEN IF IT MEANS OPEN WARFARE.

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2. (S/NFD) [REDACTED] IRAQI COMMANDO UNIT RECENTLY MOVED TO
KIRKUK AND AN UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS TO THE
NORTHERN AREA. REASON UNKNOWN AN ALLIED CONSIDERATION IS THAT
IRAQIS MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT IRANIAN AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FOR KURDS.

3. (S/NFD) RECENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO IRAN
HAD AUDIENCE WITH SHAH AND CONVEYED THAT SOVIETS WERE IN FULL
SUPPORT OF IRAQI ON KURDISH AUTONOMY QUESTION AND THAT ANY
INTERFERENCE BY IRAN WOULD BE TREATED AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT BY
USSR.

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DIA review(s) completed.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

MORI/CDF per C03346249

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