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COUNTRY IRAQ (b)(1)

SUBJECT ARRESTS AND RETIREMENTS OF ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS (b)(3)
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1. ACCORDING TO LISTS CIRCULATED WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AS OF 19 FEBRUARY, 20 AIR FORCE PILOTS AND 103 ARMY OFFICERS HAD BEEN RETIRED SINCE THE 8 FEBRUARY COUP. ON THE 28 PILOTS LISTED AS RETIRED, SOME HAD BEEN KILLED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE LIST.

2. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AIR FORCE OFFICERS WERE BEING DETAINED IN MILITARY PRISONS AS OF 19 FEBRUARY, (ON SUSPICION OF BEING COMMUNISTS, PRO-COMMUNISTS, OR QASIMITES)

3. [redacted] THE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBERS OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS DETAINED FOR SUSPECTED COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES MAY REFLECT THE INFLUENCE OF THE LATE COMMUNIST AIR FORCE COMMANDER JALAL

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THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS OF EXTENDED CONTACT WITH SOVIET TRAINERS, BOTH
IN IRAQ AND IN THE USSR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MANY
IRAQI AIR FORCE OFFICERS REACTED NEGATIVELY TO THEIR CONTACTS WITH
THE SOVIET UNION.)

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