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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: CIA Reporting on Iraq

1. Attached is a rundown of pertinent CIB reporting on plotting against Qasim. We have repeatedly pointed out that Qasim was steadily losing backing among almost all the significant political forces in the country.

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COUP PLOTTING IN IRAQ

Reported in Central Intelligence Bulletin

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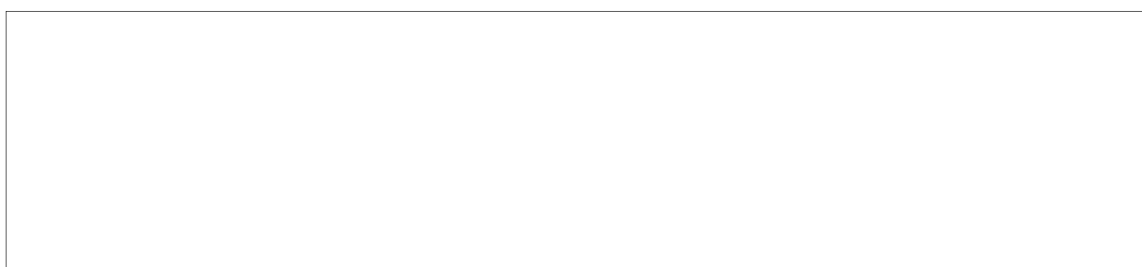
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Popular hostility toward the Qasim regime appears to be increasing, but Qasim's confidence in his own position remains unshaken.

Troops have taken over Baghdad University. Over a thousand students reportedly have been imprisoned and many seriously injured. Communist students, however, are not participating in the strike and are being protected by the government.

Qasim's willingness to antagonize popular opinion by taking such harsh measures against students apparently stems from supreme confidence in his invulnerability.

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Qasim's attempt to reach a settlement with the Kurdish rebels by temporarily stopping military operations against them has boomeranged. The rebels are taking advantage of the lull to attack military outposts.

Qasim's misjudging of the situation will increase army dissatisfaction with his handling of the 18-month-old Kurdish campaign.

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