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MEMORANDUM FOR: James G. Reber

SUBJECT: Special Afghanistan Requirements

1. If feasible, visual observations of certain Afghanistan targets is requested if they can be observed in the course of a special Project operation which I understand is imminent and is being mounted for other purposes.
2. The targets, together with general background information, include: Mazar-i-Sharif (36-40N 67-01E), where we have reports that a large airfield is being constructed under Soviet aid, and where 25 to 100 crated or assembled MIG's are said to be stationed; and airfields at Kabul (34-33N 69-10E), Herat (34-15N 62-12E), Farah (approximately 32-40N 60-20E), Kandahar (31-37N 65-45E),^{and} Ghazni (33-32N 68-26E), about which we have little information.
3. We are also anxious to learn of any major improvements work underway along road systems leading south into Afghanistan from the Soviet border. Some of these road systems of interest are the one from Kushka (35-16N 62-20E) to Chehil Dukhtaran (35-08N 62-17E) ~~to Herat~~ to Herat; the one from Kelif (approximately 37-20N 66-40E) to Dagma Arasa (37-19N 66-16E) to Mazar-i-Sharif; and the road system from Mazar-i-Sharif as it winds southward to Kabul.
4. It is repeated that this request is not intended to affect or divert the operation being planned, but it is submitted in the event that some of these targets will come under observation during the operation.

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