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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
 ATTENTION: [REDACTED] 25X1C
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Soviet Grant to Afghanistan
 REFERENCE: [REDACTED] dated 10 August 1959

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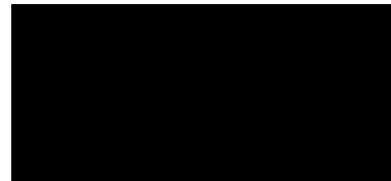
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1. It has been reported [REDACTED] that the Kushka-Kandahar road project was to be a total grant, estimated by the USSR at US \$80 million. [REDACTED] the Kushka-Kandahar road was to be provided as a gift with all material including timbers to be supplied by the USSR, and that the project would not cost Afghanistan "a single penny."

2. This information bears no relation to other reports giving ruble valuations for this project agreement. Cost estimates and contracts for most Afghan-Soviet aid projects to date have been stated in US dollars rather than in rubles.



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