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Recent evidence suggests that a new arms agreement -- the first since 1959 -- [redacted] may have been signed by Afghanistan and the USSR (see the chart). Two types of Soviet missiles were observed in Kabul's Independence Day military parade on 23 August: the SA-2 surface-to-air missile (SAM) and what is described as an antitank missile (probably the Snapper or Swatter surface-to-surface missile, a wire-guided tactical system). Moreover, the purchase of a squadron of MIG-21 supersonic jet fighters and several An-12 turboprop assault transports may follow. Although Afghanistan is now striving to adhere to a more "correctly neutral" foreign policy than it has been following recently, the delivery of such advanced weapons systems presumably will enhance further the Soviet military presence in that country.

1. New Equipment

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[redacted] the delivery of 12 SA-2 missiles and 6 antitank missiles from the USSR to Afghanistan was completed. Subsequently this armament was featured in Kabul's Independence Day military parade, where it elicited general surprise from the foreign representatives present. This public display of a "prestige" item probably was designed to serve a dual purpose: (1) to influence Afghan governmental and military figures during the period prior to the approval of the new constitution and (2) to project a hardier military image to those foreign representatives viewing the parade. These missiles probably were purchased by the military mission led by Defense Minister Khan Mohammad Khan, which traveled to Moscow in late June. Other advanced weapons systems probably were discussed and possibly were agreed to at that time. In particular it appears likely that Kabul will purchase a squadron (probably 10 to 16 aircraft) of MIG-21 jet fighters as well as 4 or 5 An-12 assault transports. Officers trainees

* The delivery of MIG-21's to Afghanistan has been rumored for the past 2 years, [redacted]

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[redacted] An earlier report stated that the USSR would provide two squadrons of MIG-21's [footnote continued on p. 2]

were being selected in March 1964 to go to the USSR for training in MIG-19 and MIG-21 aircraft. Although the MIG-19 probably figured in Kabul's earlier plans, the dissatisfaction with the plane of other recipients in the Free World probably is known to the Afghans, and it is doubtful that any will be purchased. If it is included in the new agreement, the portion dealing with aircraft possibly could be valued at more than \$20 million at list prices.

2. Tactical Implications

Afghanistan is the fifth country of the Free World to be furnished SAM's by the USSR. * An analogy with other recipients permits an estimate of the eventual size of Afghanistan's program. To defend Kabul, at least three SAM firing battalions and one technical support battalion would be required. This program is valued at about \$10 million. Construction and training requirements will push an operational readiness date 2 or more years into the future. No estimate is possible on the size of the inventory of Snapper or Swatter missiles. The BRDM amphibious combat reconnaissance vehicle is the launcher used for the missiles, and to date Kabul has not received any of these vehicles. Purely in terms of equipment, the MIG-21 fighters would provide an enormous increase in performance from the obsolete MIG-15's and MIG-17's currently comprising the Afghan air force. Likewise, a serious air transport deficiency would be ameliorated by the acquisition of the An-12 assault transports. The new acquisitions eventually would boost the over-all Afghan air defense capability immeasurably. When operational, they probably would discourage in some degree the alleged intrusions of Afghan air space by Pakistani aircraft. Because of the general ineptitude of the air force, however, this enhanced air defense capability probably will not be realized within the next 2 years.

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If such numbers of aircraft ever were considered, however, they have been reduced. An Il-18 turboprop passenger transport has been mentioned as a possible purchase, but it would not military application.

* The UAR, Indonesia, India, and Iraq also have received this advanced type of weapon. Recently, Iraq canceled its SAM program and transferred to the UAR the equipment already delivered

3. Other Implications

Although the present Afghan government appears to be striving toward a more correct form of neutrality than the former Soviet-leaning regime under Prime Minister Da'ud, the Soviet presence in Afghanistan continues to be firmly established. 6 The Afghan armed forces have been reorganized, largely through advice of the Soviet military aid mission, which has been working on the problem since Marshal Sokolovskiy's visit in October 1961. 7 In November 1963 the Ministry of National Defense opened an army staff college in Kabul organized and staffed entirely by Soviet personnel. 8 Although there is no evidence that the USSR is in any better position to exert leverage on the governmental elite than it has been since the inception of military aid in 1956, the potential for influence appears to be increasing significantly. Additional Soviet technicians will be required to train native personnel in Afghanistan, and more Afghan trainees probably will be sent to the USSR for instruction, in addition to the large number already there. 9

The purchase of this complex and expensive equipment, however, will pose problems for Kabul. The assimilation of the advanced weapons systems will require a higher level of technical competence than has been demonstrated thus far. Furthermore, the limited skilled manpower available in the country will be increasingly strained by the establishment and operation of advanced weapons facilities. Finally, although the financial details of the new agreement are not yet known, any increase in indebtedness will generate additional difficulties for the Afghan government in meeting its already large military and economic debt obligations to the USSR.

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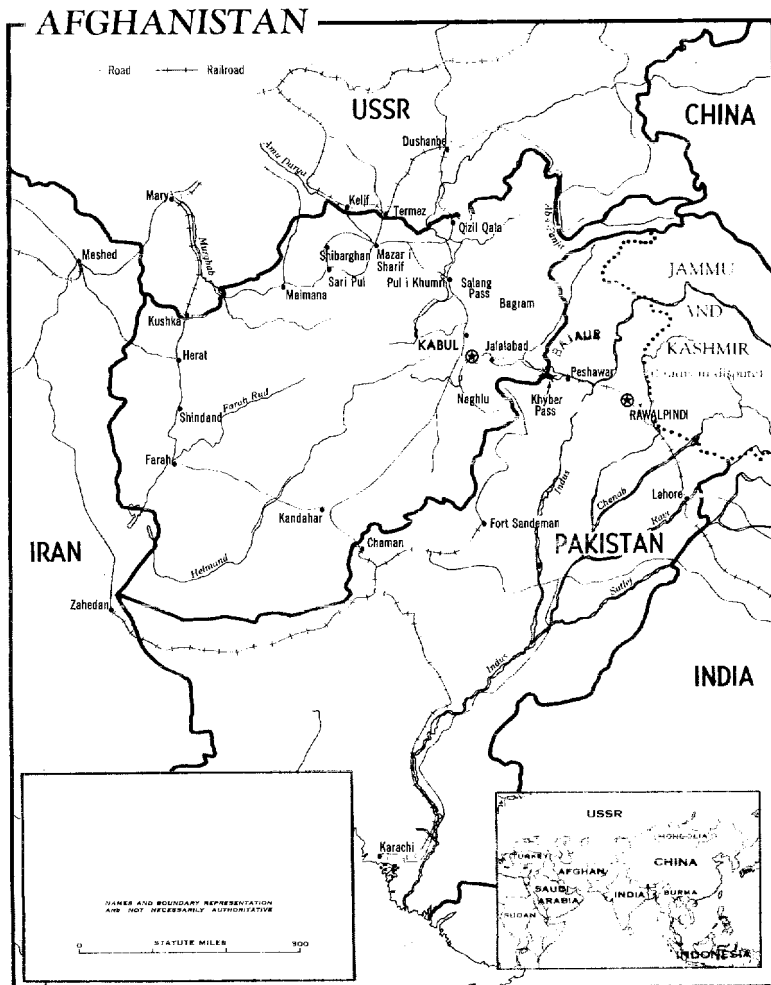
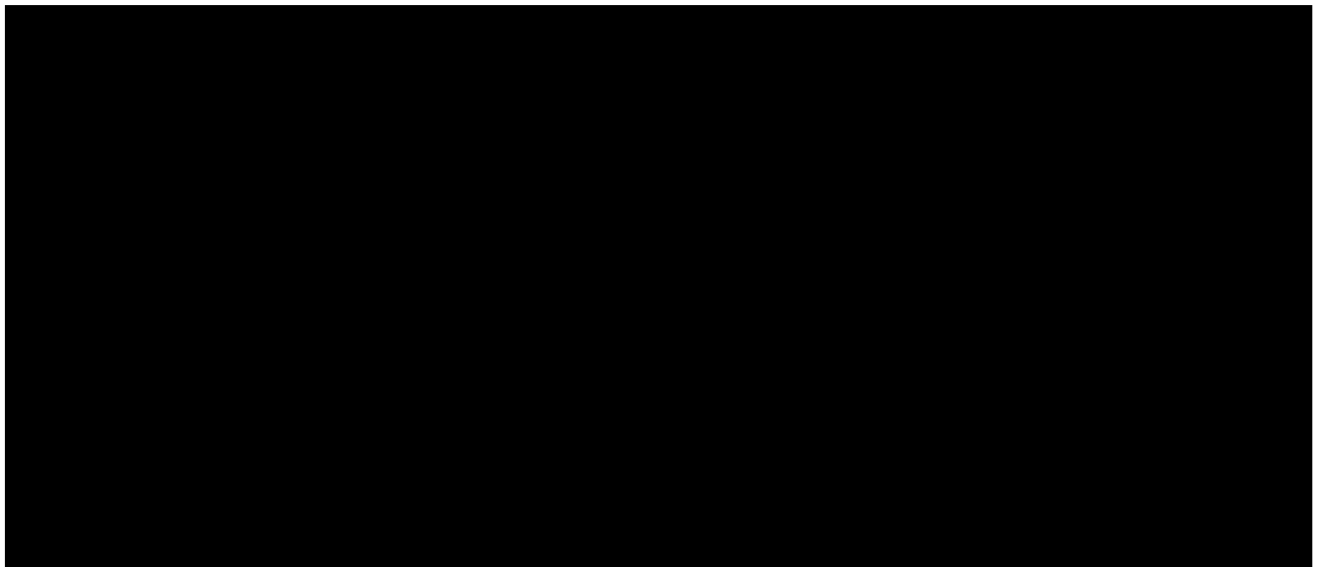
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| EQUIPMENT | UNITS |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Medium tank | 220 |
| Self-propelled assault gun | 18 |
| Personnel carrier | 62 |
| Artillery piece | 600 |
| Jet bomber | 58 |
| Jet fighter | 125 |
| Other aircraft | 92 |
| SA-2 missile | 12 |
| Antitank missile | 6 |

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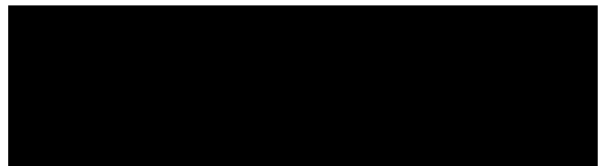
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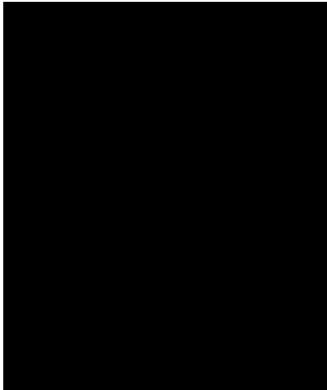
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