Approved For Release 2000/08/30 : CIA-RDP80R01443R000400130002-3 OCCUPATION OF IRAN IN 1941

ENTRY OF IRAN DURING WORLD WAR II WAS

ALLIED (BRITISH AND SOVIET) DECISION.

DATE OF ENTRY: 26 AUG '41. PLACE OF

ENTRY: FROM NORTH BY SOVIETS; FROM WEST

BY BRITISH. PRETEXT WAS '21 TREATY.

2,000 - 3,000 GERMAN AGENTS IN IRAN.

IRAN WAS INCLINED TOWARD AXIS:

ANTI-BRITISH, ANTI-SOVIET.

IRAN PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED
WITH OR WITHOUT TREATY.

(PARENTHETICAL--TREATY CONVERSELY
GIVES IRANIANS RIGHT TO INVADE USSR IF
FORCES INIMICAL TO IRAN ARE DEEMED TO BE
BUILDING UP THERE).

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TO NORTHERN TIER IN AFGHANISTAN

- 1. THOUGH ACUTE PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN

 CRISIS HAS BEEN PATCHED UP ON THE SURFACE,

 AFGHANISTAN CONTINUES INCENDIARY

 PROPAGANDA ON PUSHTOONISTAN ISSUE.
- 2. MERGER OF ALL WEST PAKISTAN INTO SINGLE PROVINCE (THUS DASHING HOPES FOR EVEN NOMINAL AUTCNOMY OF TRIBAL PUSHTOON AREAS) WILL GO INTO EFFECT TOMORROW, 14 OCTOBER.
- 3. AFGHAN FOREIGN MIN NAIM WARNED US
 THAT CLOSER TIES WITH USSR WOULD BE
 ESTABLISHED IF RELATIONS WITH PAK BROKEN
 OFF AND INTIMATED THAT UNLESS PAK PM
 DISCUSSED PROVINCIAL MERGER WITH NAIM,
 RELATIONS WOULD BE BROKEN OFF.

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4. MOSCOW WARNING TO IRANIAN CHARGE ETESANT (ENTEZAN) DREW ATTENTION TO CREATION OF WARSAW PACT AS NECESSARY RESPONSE TO NATO.

- 5. THUS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIET
 REACTION TO IRANIAN ADHERENCE WILL
 TAKE THE FORM OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF
 SOME FORM OF DEFENSIVE ARRANGEMENT
 WITH AFGHANISTAN.
- 6. MEANWHILE BLOC FINANCIAL PENETRATION
 OF AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN INCREASED BY
 ADDITIONAL \$10,000,000 CZECH CREDIT AND
 REPORTED SALE OF \$3,000,000 WORTH OF CZECH
 ARMS.