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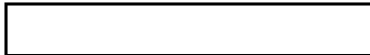
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Status of Iranian Armed Forces

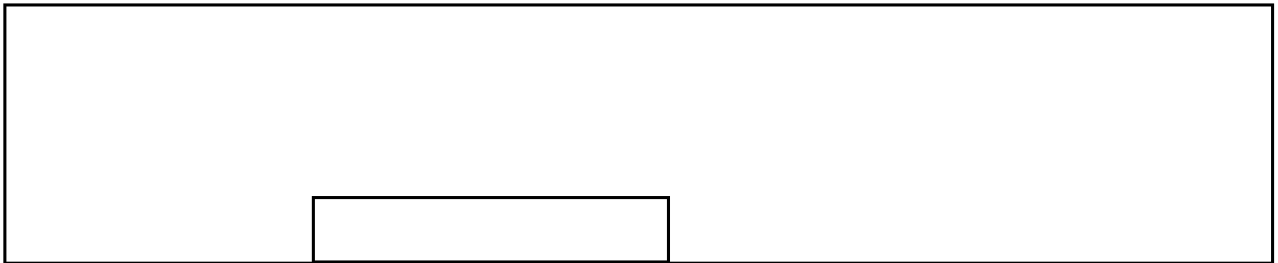
I. Overview. Iranian military capabilities have not recovered significantly since the collapse of the armed forces in the February revolution. Ground forces capabilities remain limited despite some improvement in discipline and operational readiness in recent months. The Air Force and Navy have remained intact but continue to decline in capabilities because of a lack of discipline and poor maintenance of their more sophisticated equipment.

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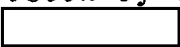

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II. Ground Forces.



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F. According to a knowledgeable source of the US defense attache, there are no operational I-Hawk surface-to-air missile systems in Iran. The status of the British-made Rapier missile system is not known. 

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IV. Navy.

A. The operational readiness of Iran's ships and naval aircraft has declined steadily during the past nine months because of poor maintenance.

B. The Navy put on a meager show during an exercise in late September. Fewer than 10 vessels--mostly patrol craft--were involved and of Iran's seven major combatants, only two frigates participated.

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C. As of mid-September, most of Iran's hovercraft and all its antisubmarine and minesweeping helicopters were out of service because of a lack of spare parts and poor maintenance. [REDACTED]

ATTACHMENT:
Order of Battle and
Force Deployment

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Iranian Order of Battle

ARMY

Personnel Approximately 140-150,000
(previously 290,000)

Divisions 3 Infantry, 4 Armored (one
of the armored divisions is
being formed)

Equipment

Tanks

Scorpion	250
M60	460
M47	415
Chieftain	890
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Armored Personnel Carriers

M113	810
BMP	60
BTR-60/OT-64	585
BTR-50/OT-62	850
	<u>2305</u>

Artillery (100 mm and over)

Self-propelled	525
Towed	700
	<u>1225</u>

Antitank Missiles

TOW launchers	575
Dragon launchers	1218
SAGGER	Unk

NAVY

Personnel probably 28,000 (previously 32,000)

Equipment

Destroyers	3
Frigates	4
LaCombattante Guided Missile Patrol Boat	9
Hovercraft	14
Minesweepers	5

AIR FORCE

Personnel unknown (previously 95,000)

Pilots unknown (previously 2230)

Equipment

Fighters

F-14	77
F-4D/E	205

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AIR FORCE (cont'd)

Transports/Tankers/Civilian

Boeing 727	2/0/12
Boeing 737	0/0/5
Boeing 707	1/11/6
Boeing 747	6/3/5
C-130	51/0/0

Helicopters

Cobra Attack	197 (65 armed with TOWs)
CH-47 Transport	52
B-214 A Transport	288
SeaKing ASW	13
Utility	363

AIR DEFENSE

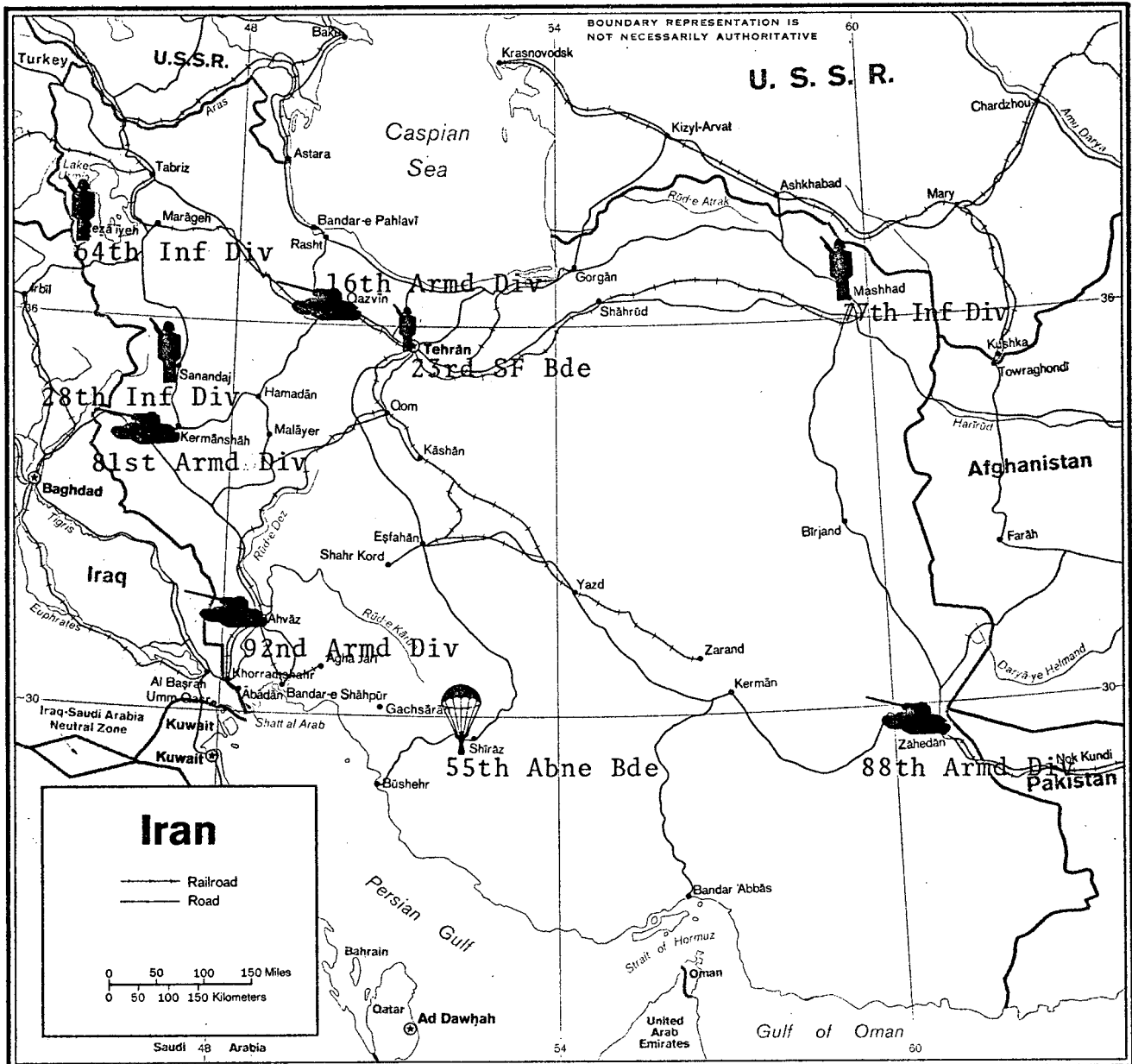
Personnel unknown (previously 22,000)

Equipment

Hawk launchers	216
Rapier launchers	52
Seacat launchers	30
SA-7 launchers	250
ZSU-57/2 AA guns	80
ZSU-24/4 AA guns	55

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Iranian Ground Forces



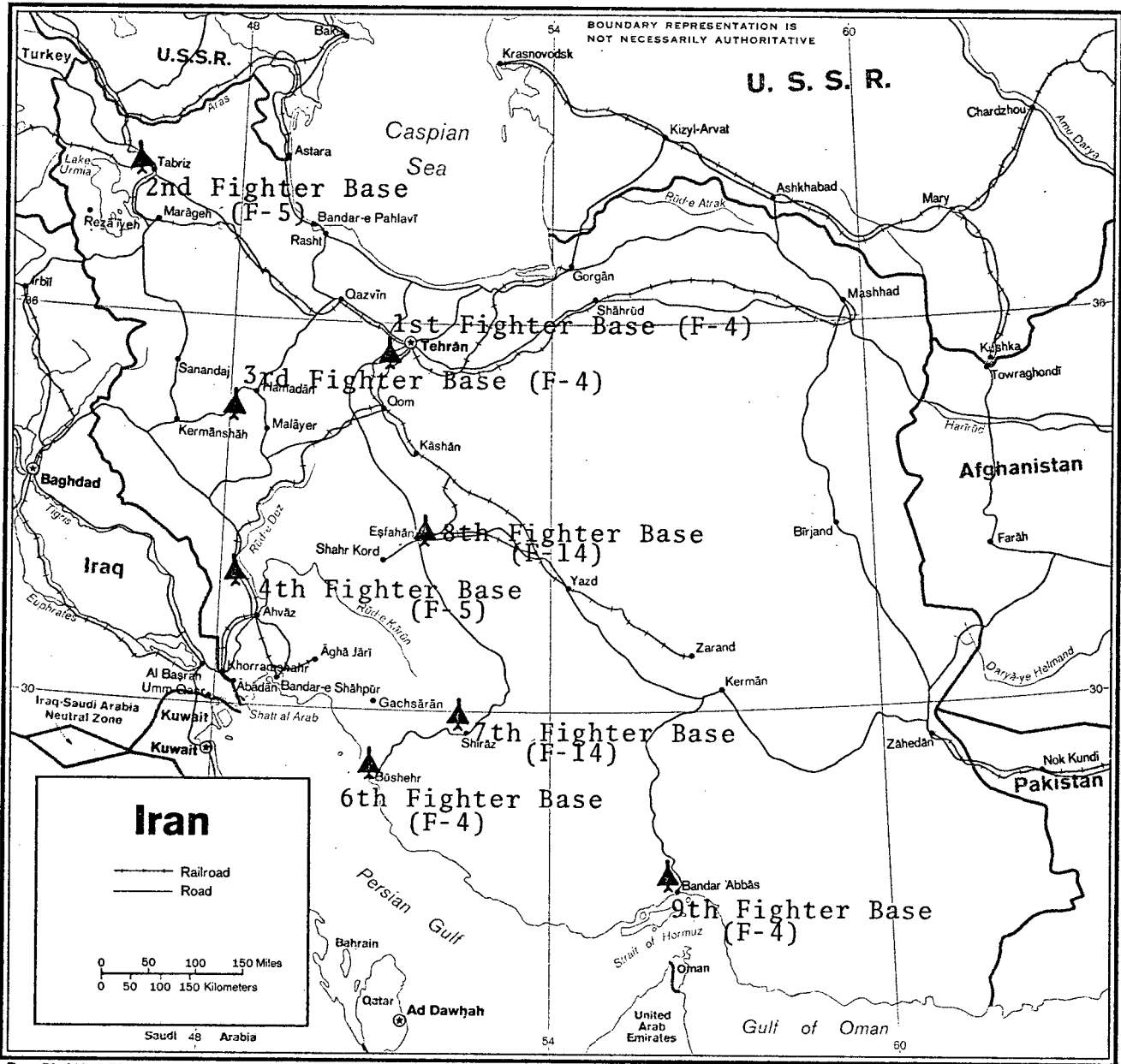
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Iranian Air Bases

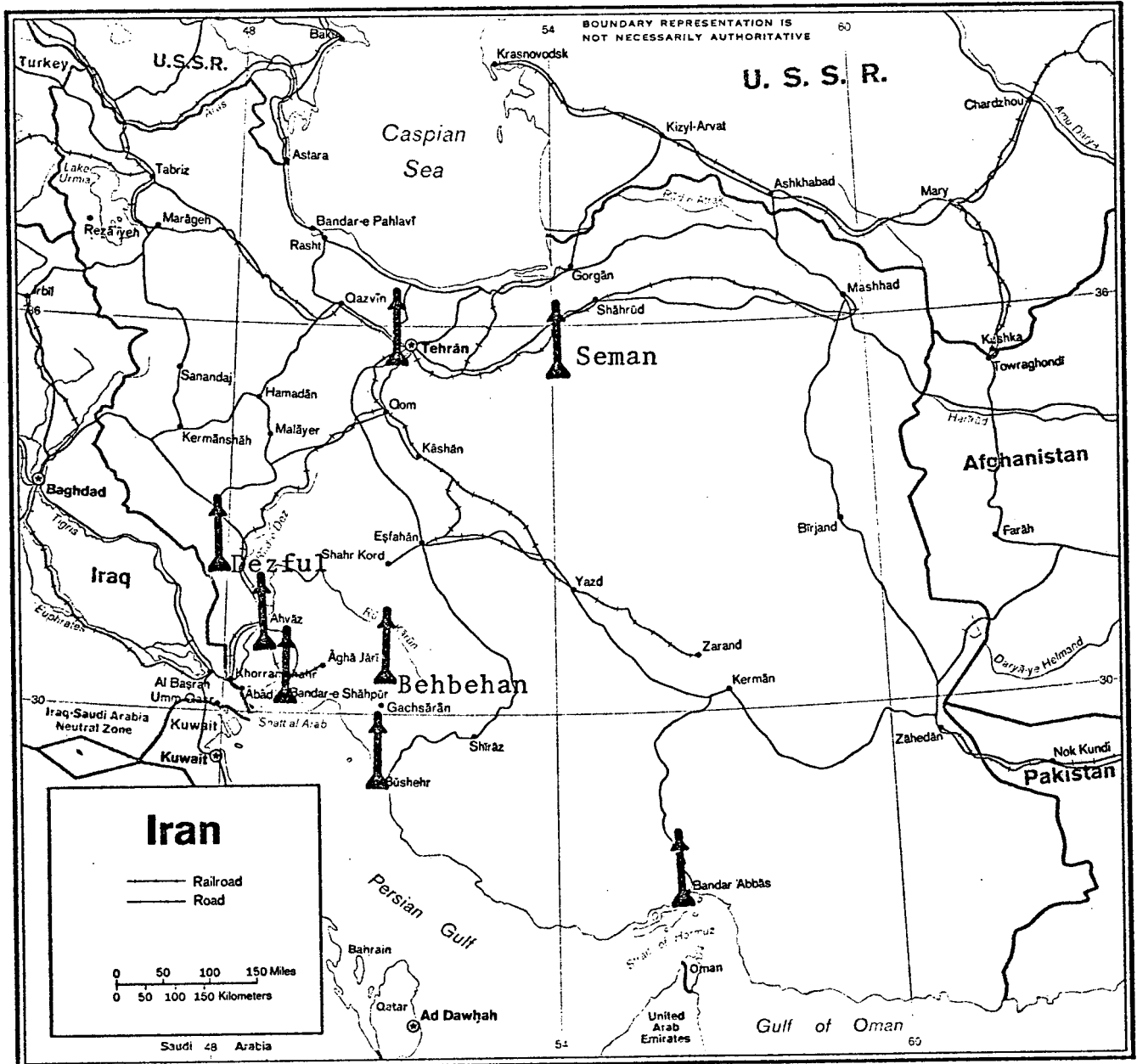


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IRANIAN AIR FORCE
 CURRENT OPERATIONAL OR TRAINING SQUADRONS

<u>Base</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
1st FTR Base (Mehrabad)	27 F-4D
11th CCTS	25 F-4E
12th Ftr Sqdn	23 RF-4E/RF-5A
11th Tac Recce Sqdn	37 B-214C/20 HH-43F
11th SAR Sqdn (det. at each base)	8 F-5B
1st Transport Base (Mehrabad)	
11th Trans Sqdn	14 C-130 E/H
12th Trans Sqdn	13 C-130 E/H
1st Tanker Sqdn	11 KC-707
Freighter Sqdn	7 SF-747/3 KC-747
13th Trans Sqdn (Doshan Tappeh)	10 F-27
2d FTR Base (Tabriz)	
21st Ftr Sqdn	75 F-5E/8 F-5F
22d Ftr Sqdn	
23d Ftr Sqdn	
3d FTR Base (Shahroki)	
31st Ftr Sqdn	60 F-4E
32d Ftr Sqdn	
33d Ftr Sqdn	
4th FTR Base (Vahdati)	
41st CCTS	60 F-5E/20 F-5F
42d CCTS	
43d Ftr Sqdn	
6th FTR Base (Bushehr)	
61st Ftr Sqdn	50 F-4E
62d Ftr Sqdn	
7th FTR Base (Shiraz/Tadayon)	
71st Ftr Sqdn	16 F-14A
7th Transport Base	
71st Trans Sqdn	23 C-130
72d Trans Sqdn	
8th FTR Base (Isfahan/Khatami)	
81st CCTS	61 F-14A
82d Ftr Sqdn	
83d Ftr Sqdn	
9th FTR Base (Bandar Abbas)	
91st Ftr Sqdn	30 F-4E
Maritime Recce Sqdn	6 P-3F

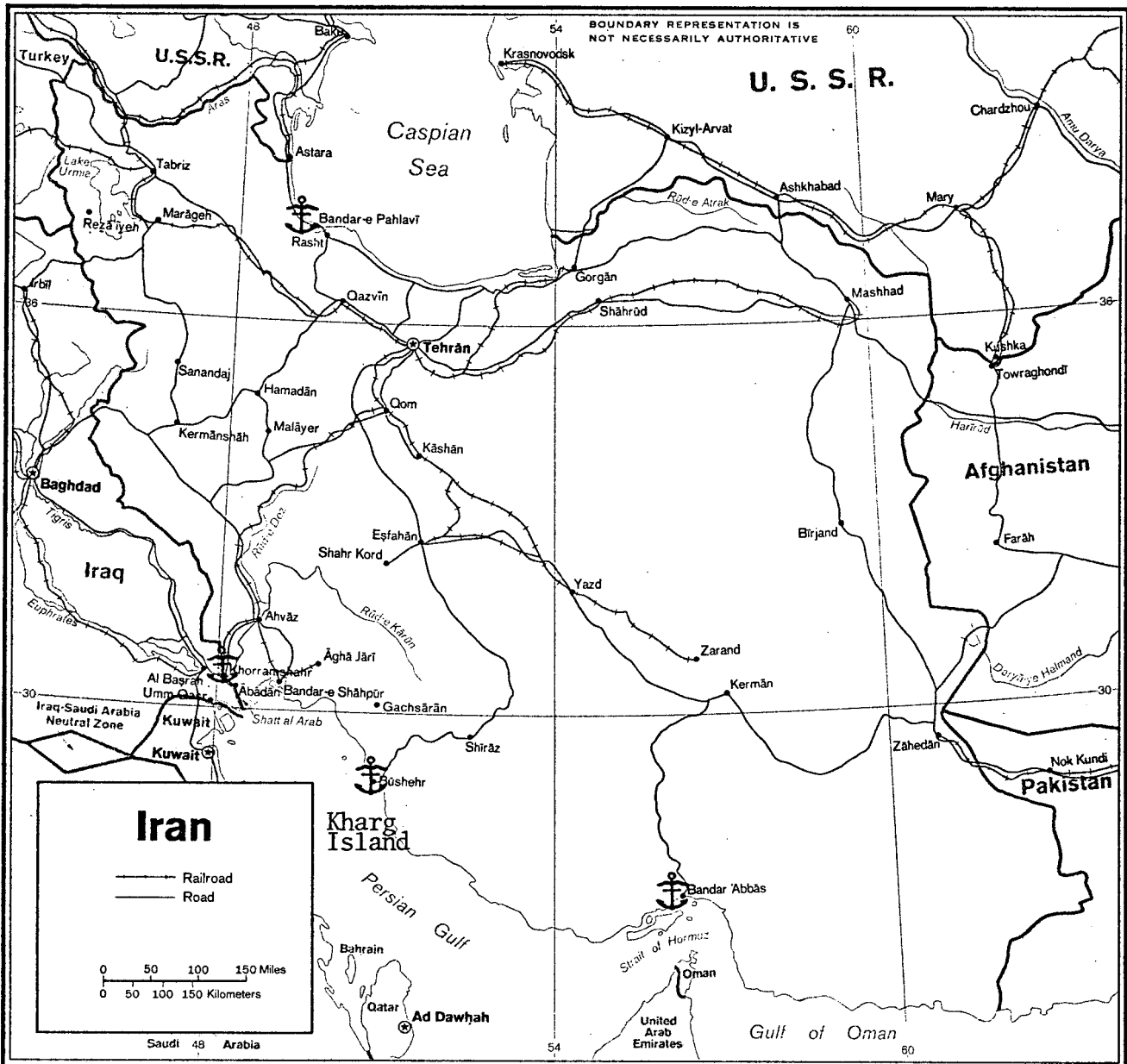
Iranian Hawk Deployment



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Location	Batteries
Ahvaz	2
Bandar Abbas	1
Bandar-e Shahpur	1
Behbahan	4
Bushehr	3
Dezful	3
Tehran	4
Seman	1 (Training)

Iranian Naval Bases



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MAJOR UNITS AT IRANIAN NAVY BASES

Bandar Abbas

Destroyers (Guided Missile)	3
Frigates	4

Bandar Pahlavi

Coastal Minesweepers	1
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Bushehr

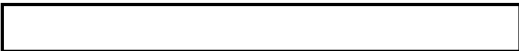
Missile Boats	9
Patrol Boats	4

Khara Island

Hovercraft	14
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Khorramshahr

Gun Boats	4
Coastal Escorts	4
Coastal Minesweepers	2
Inshore Minesweepers	2



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