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- 25X1X 1. There were widespread rumors in Mohammedabad on 30 October that three trainloads of Soviet troops had arrived recently at Artyk (37-35N, 59-17E), and on [REDACTED] a string of cars on the siding at Artyk. The distance was too great to permit estimation of the number or type of cars. The cars were detached, with no locomotive present.
- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] a string of 60 cars on a siding about one-half kilometer from Choqorogli (37-28N, 59-23E). These cars were painted dark red, and were of a type normally used as third-class passenger cars. The cars were detached, with no locomotive present.
- 3. Also on 3 November, informant observed a string of cars, without locomotive, standing on a siding at Khai Khosrow (37-28N, 59-26E) near Kaushut (37-37N, 59-28E).
- 4. Inquiry revealed that all of the above-mentioned trains had arrived about 15 October. The arrival has given rise to widespread local speculation in which the train arrivals have been linked to the Iranian oil crisis.
- 5. A Soviet camp comprising about 100 small buildings has been observed opposite Shalgan (37-29N, 59-23E) in a deep valley about six hundred yards from the frontier watch tower, in the direction of Tedzhend.

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