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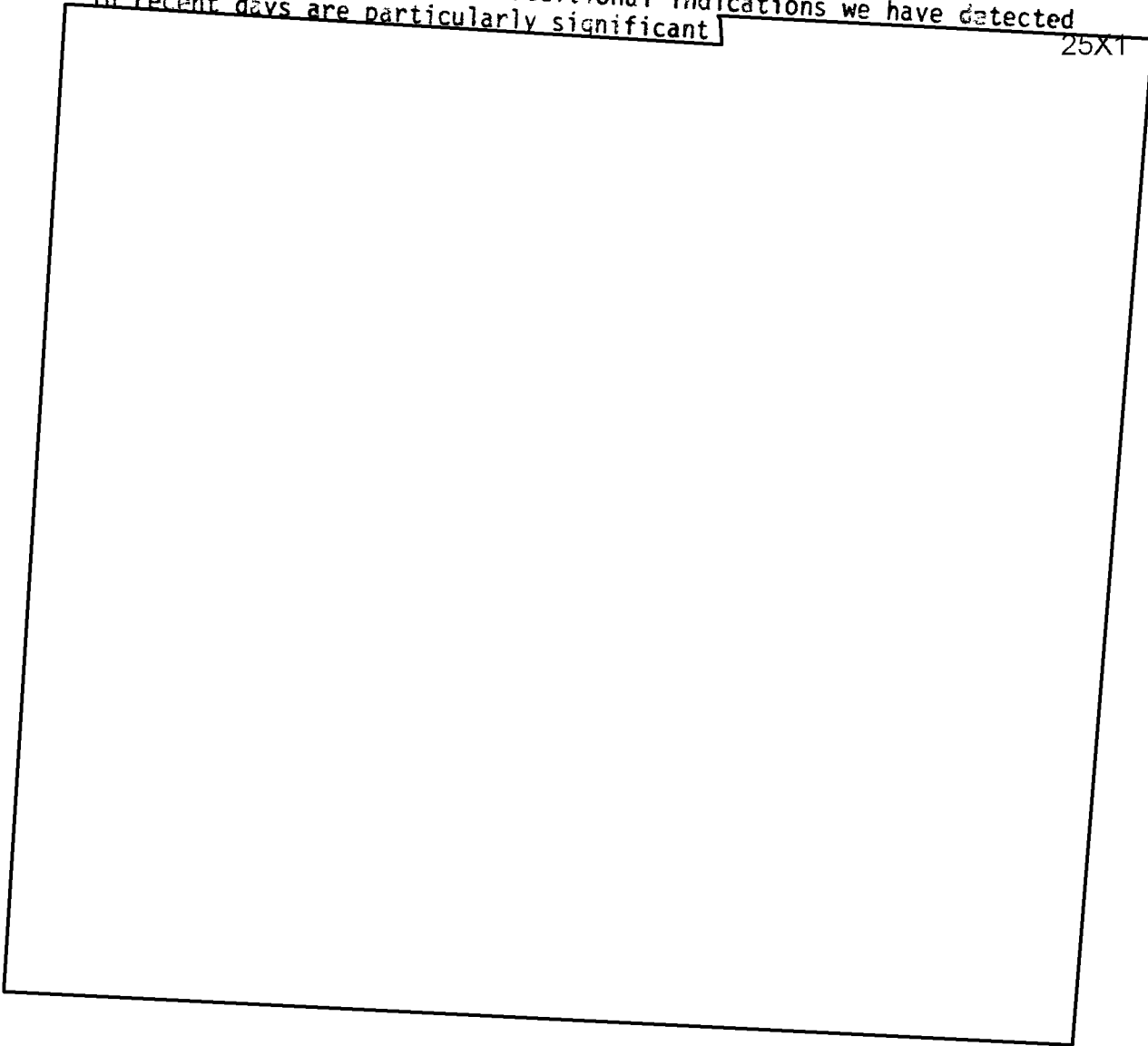
MEMORANDUM FOR: NIO/W

FROM : Strategic Warning Staff

SUBJECT : USSR/Afghanistan

1. Following is an update of the list we sent you on 12 December of indications of Soviet intent to deploy additional combat forces to Afghanistan. We believe the additional indications we have detected in recent days are particularly significant

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During the last week Soviet press commented on the opposition to the Marxist regime in Afghanistan and hinted at Moscow's deepening military commitment to Kabul. In Pravda on December 7, under the rubric "Commentator's Column: Guarding the Revolution," Leonid Mironov reported the formation of the National Organization for the Defense of the Revolution (NODR), which he termed as an important political event. Mironov admits that the establishment of NODR was prompted by the "furious resistance to the revolution" by the counter-revolutionaries and foreign reaction. According to Mironov, NODR's function is to vigilantly guard revolutionary gains and to combat the insurgency. In a related TASS commentary on December 4, marking the anniversary of the Soviet-Afghan Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, Nikolay Novikov notes the military aspect of the agreement and on "conducting joint measures to insure the security, independence and territorial integrity of both countries."

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