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MSG FROM DIA
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1. (S/NFD) FROM HERE THERE IS NO REPORTED OR VISIBLE CHANGES IN SOVIET POSTURING OPPOSITE THE IRANIAN BORDER. [REDACTED] BELIEVE GRECHKO VISIT DEFINITELY LINKED TO KURDISH AUTONOMY PROBLEMS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOVIETS PUSHING IRAQIS TO RESOLVE BARZANI PROBLEM EVEN IF IT MEANS OPEN WARFARE.

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2. (S/NFD) [REDACTED] IRAQI COMMANDO UNIT RECENTLY MOVED TO KIRKUK AND AN UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS TO THE NORTHERN AREA. REASON UNKNOWN AN ALLIED CONSIDERATION IS THAT IRAQIS MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT IRANIAN AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FOR KURDS.

3. (S/NFD) RECENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO IRAN AUDIENCE WITH SHAH AND CONVEYED THAT SOVIETS WERE IN FULL SUPPORT OF IRAQI ON KURDISH AUTONOMY QUESTION AND THAT ANY INTERFERENCE BY IRAN WOULD BE TREATED AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT BY USSR.
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