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| COUNTRY           | IRAQ                                                                                           | REPORT NO.  |                  |
| SUBJECT           | ROLE OF COLONEL ABD-AL-KARIM MUSTAFA NASRAT IN THE 8 FEBRUARY COUP<br><i>Abd p 1 + 2 below</i> | DATE DISTR. | 20 FEBRUARY 1963 |
| DATE OF INFO.     |                                                                                                | PRECEDENCE  | ROUTINE          |
| PLACE & DATE ACQ. |                                                                                                | REFERENCES  | IN 70832         |
| APPRAISAL         |                                                                                                |             |                  |

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1. DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF THE 8 FEBRUARY COUP D'ETAT ~~WAS~~ INACCURATELY AND PURPOSELY NAMED BY THE REBEL RADIO AS THE COMMANDER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND AND AS THE IMPLIED LEADER OF THE COUP ATTEMPT, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE TRUE LEADERS IN THE EVENT THE COUP ATTEMPT ENDED IN FAILURE.  COLONEL NASRAT COMMANDED THREE TANKS ARMED ONLY WITH CANNON AMMUNITION AND WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO ENTER RASHID CAMP DURING THE MORNING OF 8 FEBRUARY.)  LEADERS REASONED THAT NASRAT WOULD HAVE MOST PROBABLY BEEN KILLED

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OR CAPTURED IN ANY EVENT HAD THE COUP ATTEMPT FAILED.]

2. [AS SOON AS IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE COUP WOULD SUCCEED, COLONEL NASRAT WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE REBEL RADIO AS THE COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD RATHER THAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND.]

[REDACTED] HE IS BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND, WHICH PROBABLY HAS NO SINGLE LEADER.)

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3. [REDACTED] ANOTHER SOURCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT COLONEL NASRAT WAS BORN AND RAISED IN MOSUL AND COMMANDED A PARACHUTE UNIT JUST PRIOR TO THE 8 FEBRUARY COUP. ACCORDING TO THE 17 FEBRUARY IRAQ TIMES, NASRAT HAS BEEN APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION, A KEY COMMAND FOR THE CONTROL AND DEFENSE OF BAGHDAD. TANKS OF THIS DIVISION SPEARHEADED THE COUP AND ARE STILL HEAVILY DEPLOYED IN STREETS OF BAGHDAD AND SUBURBS. )

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