

MEMORANDUM

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INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *
SUBJECT: Progress Report on the Kurdish
Support Operations

At Tab A is a memorandum from Director Helms providing information on the current status of our support for Mustafa Barzani's Kurdish resistance movement. In short, Director Helms reports that:

- Money and arms have been delivered to Barzani via the Iranians without a hitch.
- More money and arms are in the pipeline, not only from Agency stocks but also [REDACTED] captured Fedayeen ordnance.
- Barzani received the first two monthly cash payments of [REDACTED] each for July and August. The payment for September will be made early in October and a fourth payment for October will be made at the end of the month.
- The first planeload of ten tons of arms and ammunition included 500 Kalashnikov AK-47 assault rifles, 500 Soviet submachine guns and 200,000 rounds of ammunition.
- By the end of October, the Iranians will have received for onward shipment to the Kurds 222,000 pounds of arms and ammunition from Agency stocks and 142,000 pounds from [REDACTED]
- Director Helms reports excellent cooperation [REDACTED] the Shah.

Director Helms also reports that the Baghdad regime and the Soviets are extremely concerned about the independent course being followed by

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Barzani. Also, according to CIA, all is not well with the Bathist regime.

- Reduction of oil revenue is causing fiscal stringencies and some discontent. Barzani's maintenance of a secure redoubt will continue to pin down two-thirds of the Iraqi army and deprive the Bathists of a secure base from which to launch sabotage and assassination teams against Iran.

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