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Reported March 18Synopsis of State and Intelligence material reported to the PresidentUSSR - IRAQ

Plans being worked out by Soviet and Iraqi officials to return 500 Kurds to Iraq from the USSR are "well along," according to an Iraqi diplomat in Moscow. At the present time, Moscow and Iraqi Communists appear to be playing down the theme of an independent Kurdish state in favor of joint Kurdish-Arab support for the "progressive" Qasim regime.

SUDAN

A dissident officers group in Sudan, led by Brigadier Shannan, Commanding General, Northern Command, is reported to be attempting to take over control of the government on March 19th.

WEST GERMANY

Chancellor Adenauer has publicly made a sweeping rejection of all plans for limiting or withdrawing armed forces in Central Europe. Despite an appearance of "complete unanimity" in his March 12-13 talks with Macmillan, Adenauer's attack on disengagement is aimed at London; it is also designed to correct any public misinterpretation of Bonn's position. A top foreign policy adviser in Adenauer's party, feeling it necessary to make concessions to public opinion, favors putting forward a disengagement plan designed, however, to be unacceptable to Moscow.

PANAMA

A coup attempt by Vice President Diaz is expected today, March 18th.

JORDAN

Officers of the influential Bani Sakhr Bedouin tribe may attempt to seize control of the government following Premier Rifai's scheduled departure on March 18th to join King Husayn in the United States.

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doubts the contention that the Bedouin officers have obtained Nasir's assurance of support because the tribesmen have traditionally supported the monarchy; however, UAR contacts with Bedouin officers have been reported in recent months. The current withdrawal of certain military units from West Jordan will further increase Bedouin strength around Amman. Last week end's arrests of about ten officers of a rival faction, at the direction of Armed Forces Chief of Staff Habis Majalli, a Bedouin, was reportedly intended to prepare the ground for the Bani Sakhr coup. [REDACTED]

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