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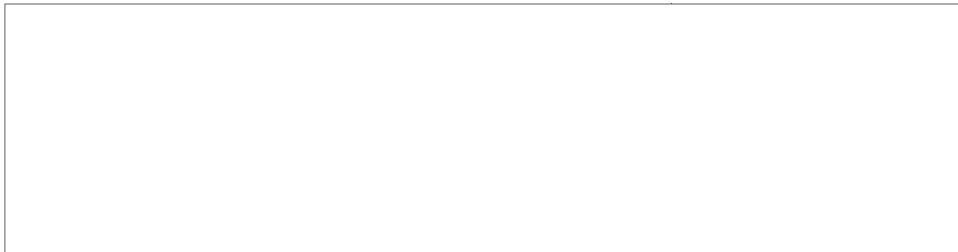
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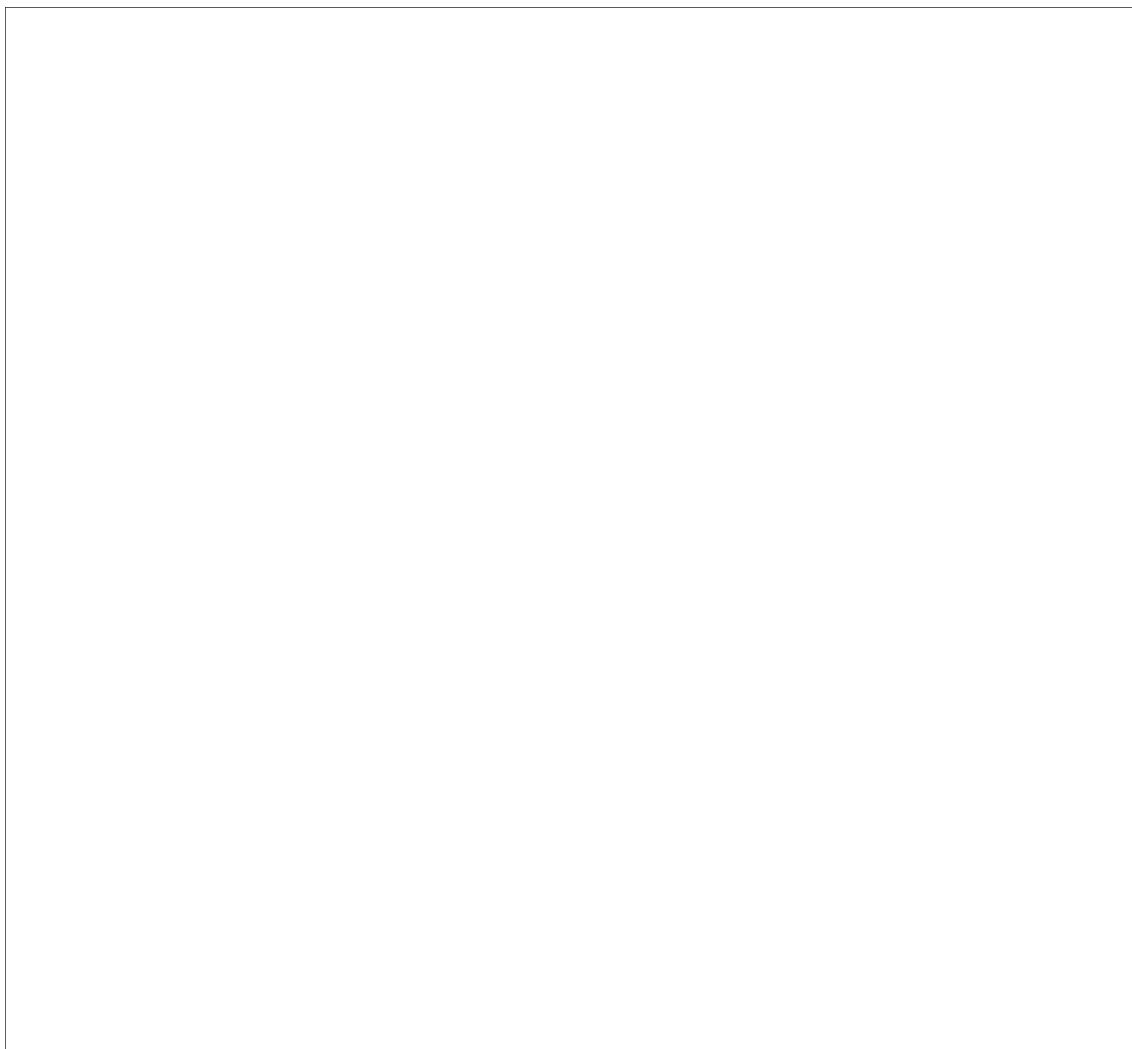
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2. VIET MINH COMMUNICATIONS WITH HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM DESCRIBED

The Viet Minh's headquarters in South Vietnam is located near the southern tip of Vietnam and is provided with money, supplies, and documents from the north by Chinese junks. An overland supply route through southern Laos is also used.

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3. IRANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD MIDDLE EAST DEFENSE PACT

Iranian prime minister Ala set forth to Ambassador Chapin on 2 September what appears to be Iran's initial bargaining position with reference to joining the Turkish-Iraqi pact.

Ala asked for American and British guarantees to defend Iran against the USSR. He also said Iran needs more American financial aid because its armed forces take up 60 percent of the country's budget and asked for restoration to Iran of the Persian Gulf island of Bahrein.

Ala's note seems to be based on a study prepared for the Shah by an Iranian intelligence organization. The study suggested that Iran take advantage "of the international crisis and of the competition existing between the East and the West" to improve its own position.

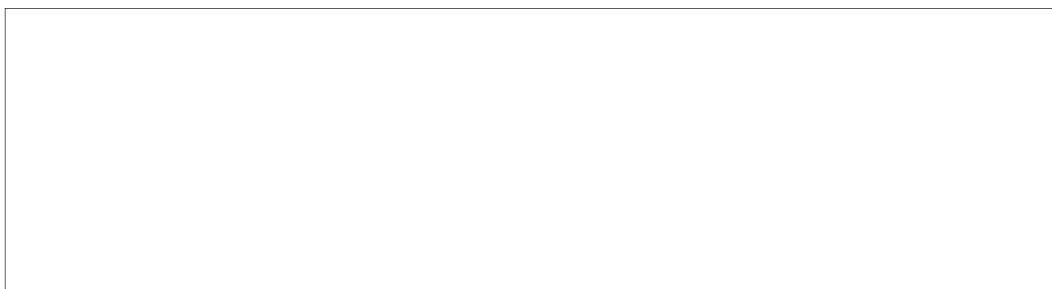
The prime minister's exaggeration of his country's arms expenditures and his reiteration of claims to Bahrein indicate that this position is a preliminary one.

The Shah is interested in area defense at the present time, but failure to obtain satisfactory terms for joining the pact would, as Ambassador Chapin suggests, lead Iran to adopt an increasingly neutral position.

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4. SOVIET FARM DELEGATES WILL NOT VISIT MEXICO



Comment

Anti-Soviet demonstrations during
the farm delegation's visit to Canada
may in part be responsible for the decision.



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5. FURTHER COMMENT ON SOVIET NUCLEAR OFFER TO EGYPT

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the Soviet Union has offered Egypt technical and scientific assistance in peaceful uses of atomic energy. The United States has announced the establishment of a program for the development of an isotope capability in Egypt and is training Egyptian personnel in the United States. Even if this Soviet offer is more than a duplication of the American program, it is not likely to be as extensive as the Soviet program presently being implemented with the Satellites. Nuclear aid in these cases has consisted of 2,000- to 4,500-kilowatt research reactors, cyclotrons and various other laboratory appurtenances for the development of nuclear research capability within the countries. These programs have also included the training of technicians in the USSR. (Prepared by OSI)