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Summary:

Colonel Schenk requests approval for a draft order aimed at educating Turkish and Iranian political operatives in covert work and suggests an MfS employee with knowledge of Turkish to Major General Kratsch.

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Comrade Major General Kratsch

Please find attached a draft order from Comrade Minister developed by the AKG and Main Department II/15 with a request for acknowledgement.

I recommend your approval of this document and the letter to Comrade Minister in concurrence with the director of the ZAIG.

After successful confirmation of the order Main Department II/15 should be entrusted with detection of responsibility for this political operative assignment area within Main Department II through Comrade Minister.

In accordance with a request from the Secretary General of the Turkish CP education of 1-3 leading party cadres on selected topics of covert work to begin 06.08.1984 should conform to the recommendations made the by the rector of the MfS academy.

Understanding of the Turkish language proves to be problematic. According to determinations made thus far there is only one person familiar with the language in the MfS (an employee of the HVA/AG for Foreign Languages). I therefore ask you to see whether this comrade can be brought in to complete the anticipated political operative tasks.

The available comrades from the Department of International Relations of the SED Central Committee have obtained thorough information on the leadership of the Turkish CP and the Tudeh Party of Iran, which are located in the GDR.

Berlin, 24.07.1984 Schenk Colonel