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Summary:

This document discusses how infighting among Afghan political parties threatened to de-stabilize the country. This report comes after a visit by Mohammed Daud to the USSR.

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The leaders of the progressive political organizations of Afghanistan Karmal Babrak ("Parcham") and Nur Taraki ("Khalq"), who maintain unofficial contact with the CC CPSU via the USSR Council of Ministers KGB Resident in Kabul, soon after the establishment of the republican regime in the country in July 1973, using the progressively minded elements in the CC of the Republic, the government, and the army, have been carrying on internecine fighting to strengthen the positions and influence of their groups and for the right to "represent the Communist Party" in the country. At the same time they, like the pro-Chinese and nationalist groups, have organized active political work in the army and government bureaucracy, which has aroused the serious concern of the head of state and Prime Minister of the Republic of Afghanistan, Mohammed Daud.

M. Daud is specially concerned about information given him by security agencies of plans supposedly hatched by leftist forces to remove him from power if he does not embark on accelerating social and economic reforms and start Afghanistan in the direction of non-capitalist and eventual socialist path of development.

In February and March of 1974 M. Daud carried out a series of measures directed at suppressing progressive forces and forbidding "Parcham" and "Khalq" from political activity.

In January 1974 a recommendation (ST 109/31-gs of 8.1.1974) was given K. Babrak and N. Taraki about the need to cease internecine fighting, unite both groups in a single party, and concentrate their combined efforts on comprehensive support of the republican regime in the country.

It would be advisable to again state this recommendation to them; it could be included in the information about the recent visit of M. Daud to the Soviet Union. The Soviet ambassador in Kabul ought to be apprised of the information.

A draft CC CPSU decree is attached.

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