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Summary:

A summary of US-training of counterrevolutionaries in Afghanistan, explaining the methods, and equipment provided, to rebels fighting the Soviet-supported PDPA.

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On 30 January [1980] a group of Afghans from counterrevolutionary groups (48 men) arrived in the US. It was sent for military training at US armed forces bases in Texas and California. In order to acquire intelligence information, in particular, information about new airfields, deployment areas of Soviet troops, and also the "facts" of their use of chemical weapons, US servicemen (Deyver) and (Kimpfen) George were sent into Afghanistan from the regular Pakistani Army in March. Construction of an American training center to train Afghan counterrevolutionaries was completed in March in the area of the village of Sarabrud (40 km from Quetta, Pakistan). About 20 American advisers work at the center, who teach Afghans the tactics and methods of waging guerilla warfare. After training, the personnel who have received the highest marks are sent to the US for one year to continue training. In April the US Congress voted to allocate "direct and open aid" to the rebels (\$15,000,000), officially legalizing interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign member state of the UN... At a conference of leaders of the Afghan counterrevolution in Peshawar in April US Ambassador to Pakistan Hinton announced the readiness of the US to increase financial and military aid to the counterrevolutionaries on condition they joined in a united front. In April the US Air Force delivered to Peshawar about 4000 chemical grenades, which were distributed among rebel representatives for use in combat operations in the DRA. Representatives of American special services have requested permission of Pakistani authorities to help the Afghan counterrevolutionaries by direct deliveries of weapons and ammunition... In the area of Musan (15 km south of Kabul) American advisers and specialists are directly participating in teaching rebels the tactics of waging combat operations. Two Americans work as instructors in the "Lambar-2" camp in the population center of Warsak (Peshawar region). From March to June the US delivered weapons worth \$4,500,000 to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries...