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Summary:

An assessment of the military-political situation in Afghanistan. Intra-party
disagreements posed a threat to the stability of the government, and its long-term
viability.

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An analysis of the military political situation in the DRA shows that the situation conditions to remain complex and tense. No substantial improvement has taken place in the past year. The process of social reform and strengthening of revolutionary power by the regime is slow and protracted. The leadership nucleus of the PDPA does not have sufficient energy and decisiveness to carry out the tasks of economic and social development of the DRA and organize a military defeat of the counterrevolution. At the top echelons of the leadership and in Party organizations recurrences of intra-Party disagreements between the former "Parcham" and "Khalq" factions have taken place. These disagreements have taken over the armed forces and the government bureaucracy and are evident even when accepting new members into the Party. If decisive measures are not taken to stop them in a number of cases this could lead to uncontrollable consequences. In evaluating the situation in the Afghan army and tsarandoy it ought to be noted that at today's level of combat training and political education they cannot completely ensure the independent performance of missions to defeat the counterrevolutionaries and normalize the situation in the country... (USSR KGB representative, 26 January 1983)