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Summary:

Short memorandum reporting on Soviet efforts to increase cooperation with tribes in Afghanistan, especially the Pashtuns.

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Consolidation continues [...] Increasing cooperation of the revolutionary power with tribes, in particular with the main tribe on both sides of border, the Pashtuns, has had a noticeable influence on the change in power relations. Approximately 80% of the Pashtuns live on the Pakistani side. After decisions of the Elder Councils (Jingahs), they agreed with the Afghan government not to let counter-revolutionary bands have passage through tribal areas.

Forming tribal militia. Providing arms, money. Offer education in USSR to chiefs' children. 220 already in USSR.