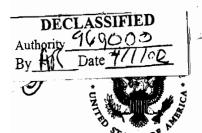
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Current Iraqi Visit to Moscow

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1. What little information we have re current Iraqi
visit to Moscow (see para 4 reftel) indicates trip's
original purpose was Iraqi desire to discuss Soviet
loans to Iraq involving, among other things, Iraqi
installment
effort to revise or extend/installment payments on loans
which reportedly total \$60 million. In this connection
we have heard reports of Iraqi financial difficulties
obliging them at one stage to approach Libyans for
assistance. Libyans allegedly turned them down.

 We also had earlier unconfirmed reports of Iraqi intention to seek more arms including perhaps aircraft.

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3. In any event, we believe it quite likely Soviets

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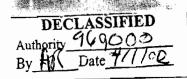
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ACTION: AmEmbassy PARIS PRIORITY PAGE 2 will seize opportunity to pressure Iraqis to change their current anti-Nasser stand. Supporting this view was Soviet press attack in Pravda on Iraq which appeared on Ag August 1 expressing Soviet displeasure over current opposition to Nasser's acceptance of US peace lackluster In addition during/kackxaustor August 5 initiative. Iraqi Delegation, luncheon in honor of transfer Mazurov, First Vice-Chairman of USSR Council of Ministers made pointed statement of Soviet support for "attainment of just political settlement of M.E. conflict." Finally, unconfirmed Beirut report says that Iraq has recently received request from Soviets for repayment of Iraqi debts and threatening to suspend aid and shipment of spare parts. COMMENT: We doubt Soviets will have much luck with unpredictable and uncontrollable Iraqis who appear to

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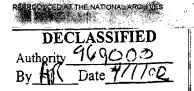
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have painted themselves into isolated anti-Nasser corner,

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Ba'athi antipathy to Nasser compounded by traditional
Mesopotamian suspicion of and contempt for Egyptians.

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