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SOVIETS SAID TO USE STARVATION AS WEAPON IN AFGHANISTAN

WASHINGTON, FEB 25, REUTER - THE SOVIET UNION IS TRYING TO USE STARVATION AS A WEAPON AGAINST RESISTANCE FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN, WITNESSES AT A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SAID TODAY.

"THE SOVIET SCORCHED-EARTH POLICY OF NAPALMING, DESTROYING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, POISONING WATER, BURNING CROPS AND KILLING CATTLE HAS PRECIPITATED ARTIFICIAL FAMINE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICAN SEN. GORDON HUMPHREY SAID AT A HEARING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON AFGHANISTAN.

KURT LOHBECH, AN INDEPENDENT TELEVISION PRODUCER, SAID HE HAD SEEN EVIDENCE OF THE SOVIET STRATEGY IN A TRIP TO AFGHANISTAN LAST NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER IN AREAS WHERE RESISTANCE FORCES OPERATED.

"THE VILLAGES WERE BOMBED OUT RUINS. THE FARMS WERE DEAD, WITH THE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS DESTROYED. THE PEOPLE, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, HAD FLED," LOHBECH SAID.

"THE SOVIETS ARE SYSTEMATICALLY AND DELIBERATELY DESTROYING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COUNTRY WHICH SUPPORTS THE POPULATION WHO IN TURN SUPPORT THE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS," HE SAID.

SIMILAR TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN BY SWEDISH JOURNALIST BORJE ALQVIST AND JACK WHEELER, DIRECTOR OF THE FREEDOM RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA.

"I HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN SCORES UPON SCORES OF AFGHAN VILLAGES THAT HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO RUBBLE BY SOVIET BOMBS; GARDENS BOMBED; FIELDS NAPALMED, POCKETED WITH BOMB CRATERS AND SOWN WITH ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES," WHEELER SAID.

HE SAID THE SOVIETS HAD BOMBED IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND WELLS CAUSING THE SURROUNDING FIELDS TO TURN TO DESERT.

THE WITNESSES SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD GIVE HUMANITARIAN AND MILITARY AID TO THE RESISTANCE GROUPS.

HUMPHREY SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HEARING, BUT DECLINED THE INVITATION.

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Outgoing U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick stands beside a Soviet chemical decontamination suit at hearing room.

Kirkpatrick Presses for Afghan Aid

U.S. Plan Seen as Basis for Ending Soviets' Occupation

By John M. Goshko
Washington Post Staff Writer

U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick told Congress yesterday that American support for the people of Afghanistan is "a moral and geopolitical necessity," but "victory or surrender are not the only alternatives" for ending their struggle with Soviet occupying forces.

"We believe there is a basis for an honorable solution which serves the interests of all parties," Kirkpatrick said.

The outgoing envoy was referring to the administration's four-point plan to achieve negotiations on ending the Soviet occupation.

The plan calls for immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops that have been in the country since December 1979; preserving the independence and nonaligned character of Afghanistan; allowing the Afghan

people to determine their form of government and economic system, and permitting return home of thousands of Afghan refugees in neighboring Pakistan and elsewhere.

Kirkpatrick testified before the Congressional Task Force on Afghanistan, a joint House-Senate group headed by Sen. Gordon J. Humphrey (R-N.H.).

"The Afghan people have been gassed, bombed, buried, driven from their homes and now they may be starved," Kirkpatrick said in describing Soviet efforts to quell the Mujaheddin, or guerrilla forces.

"It seems likely that the Soviet goal in Afghanistan is incorporation of Afghanistan [into the Soviet Union] and achievement of a warm-water port and geopolitical access to Iran and Pakistan," she said.

"The resistance of the Afghan nation to incorporation, its struggle to

survive, is a challenge to the carefully cultivated image of Soviet invincibility," Kirkpatrick said. "But Soviet triumph in Afghanistan is not inevitable. Defeat of the Mujaheddin is not inevitable. The expansion of Soviet power in the region is not inevitable."

As to what the United States and other western nations should do, she said that "obvious appropriate responses" should include humanitarian assistance, diplomatic solidarity with refugee efforts to plead their case before the world and support for U.N. efforts to prod the Soviets and other interested parties toward negotiations.

In what appeared to be a reference to covert U.S. supply activities for the guerrillas, she added, "Obviously all appropriate forms of assistance to those seeking to ensure the survival of Afghanistan are important and must be undertaken."

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Associated Press

CHICAGO, March 11 — Officials doctored reports of German scientists and ignored information about their Nazi activities to get them into the United States after World War II, according to a magazine article based on classified documents.

The actions conflicted with an order signed by President Truman that said no one who had been a supporter of Nazism or could be employed in the Paperclip program, according to an article in the April issue of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists.

The program, which recruited German scientists and other specialists from 1945 to 1955, was designed to take advantage of German scientific expertise and prevent the rearmament of Germany, but did not say how many of the scientists in the United States were former Nazis, records.

The magazine said its investigation, based on newly declassified documents under the Freedom of Information Act, showed that some of the scientists who worked on the program later were convicted with war crimes at Nuremberg.

The Army has not commented and would not name a spokesman in Washington.

Project policy required approval by the Defense Department, forerunner of the Defense Intelligence Agency, for ground investigations of scientists' wartime activities, the article said. Results were given to the Intelligence Objectives Group, which operated under the Chiefs of Staff.

"Some reports disclosed that specialists may have conducted experiments on human subjects, slave labor, and committed crimes," the article said.

The intelligence agency requested changes in the records of those recruited, the article said, but the intelligence cases, it said, the intelligence agency gave the State Department "clean" forms for use, extremely damaging to their backgrounds.

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TO: Walt Raymond
Jack Matlock
Vincent Cannistraro

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FROM: Jock Covey

For your urgent concurrence.

*Call PAM
#3491*

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 19, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: JOCK COVEY

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation for Afghanistan Day

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a memo to David Chew forwarding a draft Presidential Proclamation proclaiming March 21, 1985 as Afghanistan Day.

Walt Raymond, Jack Matlock and Vincent Cannistraro concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I	Memo to David Chew
Tab A	Presidential Proclamation
Tab B	Memo from State

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID CHEW

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation for Afghanistan Day

This memorandum forwards an NSC-approved Presidential Proclamation (Tab A). State has recommended that the President proclaim March 21, 1985 as Afghanistan Day.

Were the President to make no special note of the day -- the traditional Afghanistan New Year -- it would be read as backing away. By the same token, the President could make more of this, perhaps through a hard-hitting Saturday radio address. At this stage, while we are still feeling out a new Soviet leadership, however, a straight-forward proclamation like that in past years seems most appropriate.

Attachment

Tab A Presidential Proclamation

cc: Michael Horowitz, OMB



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 16, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation for Afghanistan Day

Attached is a proposed Presidential Proclamation declaring March 21, 1985, Afghanistan Day. This is the traditional Afghan New Year. The President issued similar proclamations in 1982 and 1984; in 1983 he marked the day with a short radio statement about Afghanistan. The Department of State believes it is important to maintain our public stance on Afghanistan by again having the President issue a proclamation. It will also help to keep the issue of the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan before the public eye.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Platt".

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

AFGHANISTAN DAY 1985

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In a time of prosperity, we do not think of hunger and hardship. In a time of peace, we do not think of suffering and war. In a time when our families are together and healthy, we do not think of the pain we would feel if they were pulled apart. Yet, for the people of Afghanistan, it is impossible to escape such thoughts, because terror, hardship, and suffering have become an everyday way of life ever since the Soviet Union brutally invaded and occupied their country over five years ago.

Today, March 21, is the start of a New Year for the Afghan people. It is traditionally a holiday when they bring their families together to celebrate life's new beginnings and to rejoice and give thanks for God's many gifts.

But in Afghanistan today, it may be hard to remember the days when their country had peace, when there was enough food to eat and their homes were safe, for the overwhelming majority of Afghans are engaged in a fierce struggle to end the Soviet occupation of their country and the rule of the puppet regime headed by Babrak Karmal.

The year 1984 was an especially hard one for the Afghans. The Soviets have been frustrated with their inability to crush the spirit of the Afghan Freedom Fighters, and are increasingly turning their military might against the civilian population of the country, forcing hundreds of thousands more innocent people into exile away from their homeland. Reports of Soviet atrocities and human rights violations are increasingly gaining the attention of the world's public. Respected organizations such as the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Amnesty International, and Helsinki Watch have recently released studies detailing the terror which the Soviets and the Karmal regime regularly inflict on the people of Afghanistan. Karmal's tenuous, and brutal, hold on power continues only because his rule is supported by more than 100,000 Soviet occupation troops.

All Americans are outraged by this growing Soviet brutality against the proud and freedom-loving people of Afghanistan. Moreover, the entire world community has condemned the outside occupation of Afghanistan. Six times, in fact, the UN General Assembly has passed strong resolutions -- supported by the overwhelming majority of the world's nations

- calling for the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan;
- reaffirming the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government and to choose their economic, political, and social system;
- reiterating that the preservation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and nonaligned character of Afghanistan is essential for a peaceful solution of the problem; and
- calling for the creation of the conditions which would enable the Afghan refugees to return voluntarily to their homes in safety and honor.

The U.S. fully supports these calls by the world community for an end to the brutal occupation of Afghanistan. On behalf of the American people, I call on the new Soviet leadership to heed the call of world opinion and to agree to a withdrawal timetable for Soviet forces so that a negotiated settlement can be reached which will bring peace to the war-torn Afghan homeland.

All Americans are united on the goal of freedom for Afghanistan. I ask the American people, at a time when we are blessed with prosperity and security, to remember the Afghan struggle against tyranny and the rule of government-by-terror. We stand in admiration of the indomitable courage of the Afghan people who are an inspiration to all freedom-loving nations around the globe.

Afghanistan Day will serve to recall the fundamental principles involved when people struggle for the freedom to determine their own future and the right to govern themselves without foreign interference. Let us therefore resolve to pay tribute to the brave Afghan people by observing March 21, 1985, as Afghanistan Day. Let us pledge our continuing admiration for their cause and their perseverance, and continue to do everything we can to provide our support to the brave Afghan people, including the millions of Afghan refugees who have been forced to flee their own country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 21, 1985, as Afghanistan Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and ninth.

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