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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Assistant Secretary of State Department of State Washington, D.G.

My Gear Mr. Berlei

I thought you might be interested to know that information of a confidential nature has been received from an ordinarily reliable source abroad concerning (fast activities in Afghanistan.)

Our source has indicated that there has been an increase in Masi activities in Afghanistan at the northwest border of India. This activity has been shown in an effort to stir up the natives against the British and is being directed by the Masis in Kabul. According to this information, a group of Masi industrialists was reported several months ago to have obtained a number of conferences with Afghan leaders and three of the Masis were given permission to tour the Iran frontier.

In Kabul, according to our source, information has been received to the effect that an Allied move into Afghanistan from Iran is a very good possibility.

The above information is being furnished to Colonel William J. Donovan.

Sincerely yours,

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