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**Summary:**

György Lázár informs the Political Committee that the Soviet Union intends to lift their embargo on the transportation of military hardware to Iran and Iraq.

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György Lázár: I would like to inform the Political Committee that I have received a piece of information from [Soviet Ambassador in Budapest] Comrade Pavlov. Earlier I also informed the Political Committee about the preceding events. According to the latest information, they have taken everything into account, that is mainly the fact that, based on the experiences, there is a strong demand on the Iraqi and Iranian side for the acquisition of some technical equipment from the Western countries, and these demands are usually satisfied by them. The Soviet Union has reviewed its earlier position concerning the introduction of full embargo on transportation. This full embargo will be lifted to a limited extent further on, both in connection with Iraq and Iran. I have considered it important to inform the Political Committee about this. Comrade Pavlov requested us to treat this information confidentially.

János Kádár: Confidentially. And we are going to carry on with our practices accordingly. Clear.

György Lázár: Yes, yes, just like earlier, on the authorization of the Political Committee.