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**Letter, First Secretary of the Central Committee of  
the People's Party of Iran N. Kianuri to the Central  
Committee of the CPSU**

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**Summary:**

Memorandum from N. Kianuri, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Party of Iran, outlining the possibility of open civil war in Iran. To prepare for this possibility, Kianuri requests the Central Committee of the CPSU to sell arms to the PPI.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION

Dear Comrades,

Because the conditions in Iran are highly strained, it is impossible to avoid considering the possibility of further complication of the situation and intensification of domestic opposition, which in turn could become a cause for armed clashes between progressive adherents of revolutionary reform and counterrevolutionary right wing extremists. In this case under certain conditions a civil war could break out. Considering the possibility of such a course of events, it is very important to our party to prepare for this now, while political life in Iran is founded on the basis of democratic freedom. At the current time the important questions for us are those about reserves of weapons. We have gotten hold of a small number of weapons. We believe that it will be necessary to take measures to create more significant reserves of weapons. It is possible to purchase weapons in Iran, however it is a critically expensive thing to do. We ask you to help us in any possible way to study this problem and act on its appropriate resolution.

With warm fraternal greetings,

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY OF IRAN  
KIYANURI  
First Secretary

August 1, 1979

Translated: [Signature] (V. Mylnikov)