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 NEW DELHI AND UKDEL NAW.

## A. SECURITY SITUATION.

THE FINE WEATHER HAS RETURNED BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO (NO)  
 GREAT AIR ACITIVITY. MOVEMENT OF TANKS ROUND KABUL  
 RESUMED LAST NIGHT. THERE ARE CONTINUING REPORTS OF  
 FIGHTING WITH SOVIET TROOPS IN LOGAR VALLEY. IN KABUL  
 ITSELF DURING THE NIGHT ACTIVITY IS LIMITED TO SPORADIC  
 EXCHANGES OF FIRE WHICH SUGGEST INDIVIDUAL ATTACKS ON  
 SOVIET SOLDIERS PROVOKING RETURN FIRE. ACCORDING TO  
 UNITED NATIONS SOURCES 10-15 SOVIET SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN  
 KILLED ON STREETS OF KABUL SINCE THEY ARRIVED. UNDP  
 ALSO HAVE REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN HERAT.

## B. POLITICAL SITUATION.

2. WE HAVE A SECOND-HAND REPORT THAT BABRAK KARMAL HAS  
BEEN SEEN IN KABUL BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR BUT DO  
 NOT KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES. ANOTHER SPEECH BY KARMAL IS  
 FORECAST FOR BROADCASTING TONIGHT AND IT IS ALSO HOPED  
 TO GET TELEVISION WORKING AGAIN. THERE ARE STILL NO  
 NEWSPAPERS.

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 SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NO (NO) FAR-REACHING CHANGES

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