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 This is really for PUSD, I think.

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1. I mentioned my interest in this to you yesterday. It seems to me possible that in the revelations about the Tudeh Party, e.g. admissions by leading members on television, there could well be references to friendly parties in other countries which we might be able to make use of. I should be grateful if whoever is principally concerned with studying the material could bear this point in mind.
2. So far as the NENAD area is concerned, the Syrian Communist Party is perhaps the most likely to be involved. Our files do not immediately reveal whether we know anything about relations between them and the Tudeh Party, but in view of the relatively close Government-to-Government relations I suppose they could be fairly substantial. Damascus have reported that a meeting took place in Damascus on 25 April of the Iraqi and Syrian Communist Parties, and a joint statement was published. The AFP version of the statement includes a point omitted in the Syrian press versions, which is that the two parties protested at the detention of members of the Tudeh Party.
3. Libya and Algeria also have tolerable relations with Iran, and it is just possible that something interesting might crop up in that connexion too.

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