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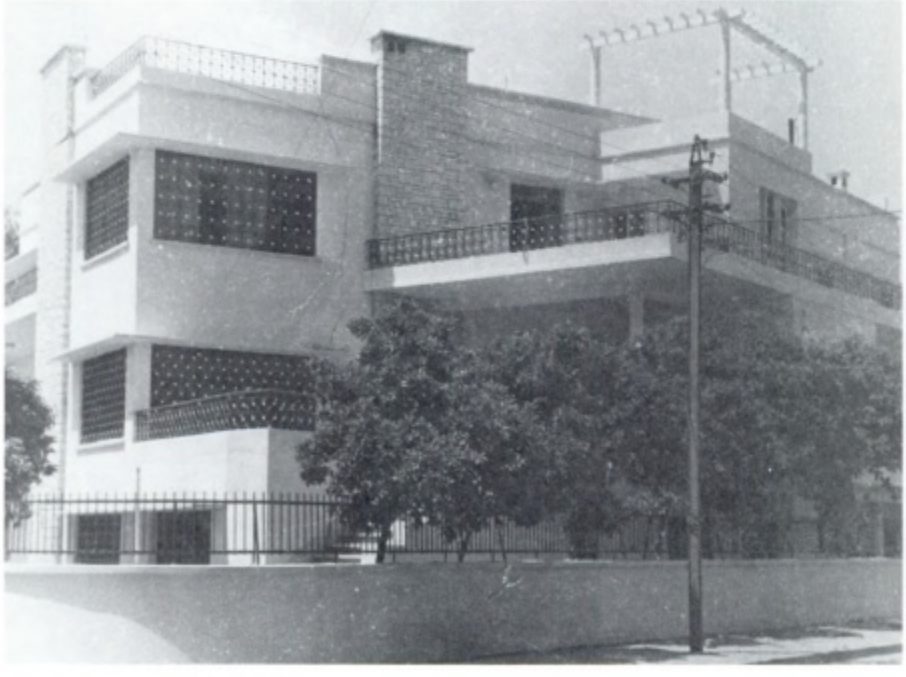

Above: Front view of Principal Officer's residence.

Left: USINT chancery in Masbah section of Baghdad.

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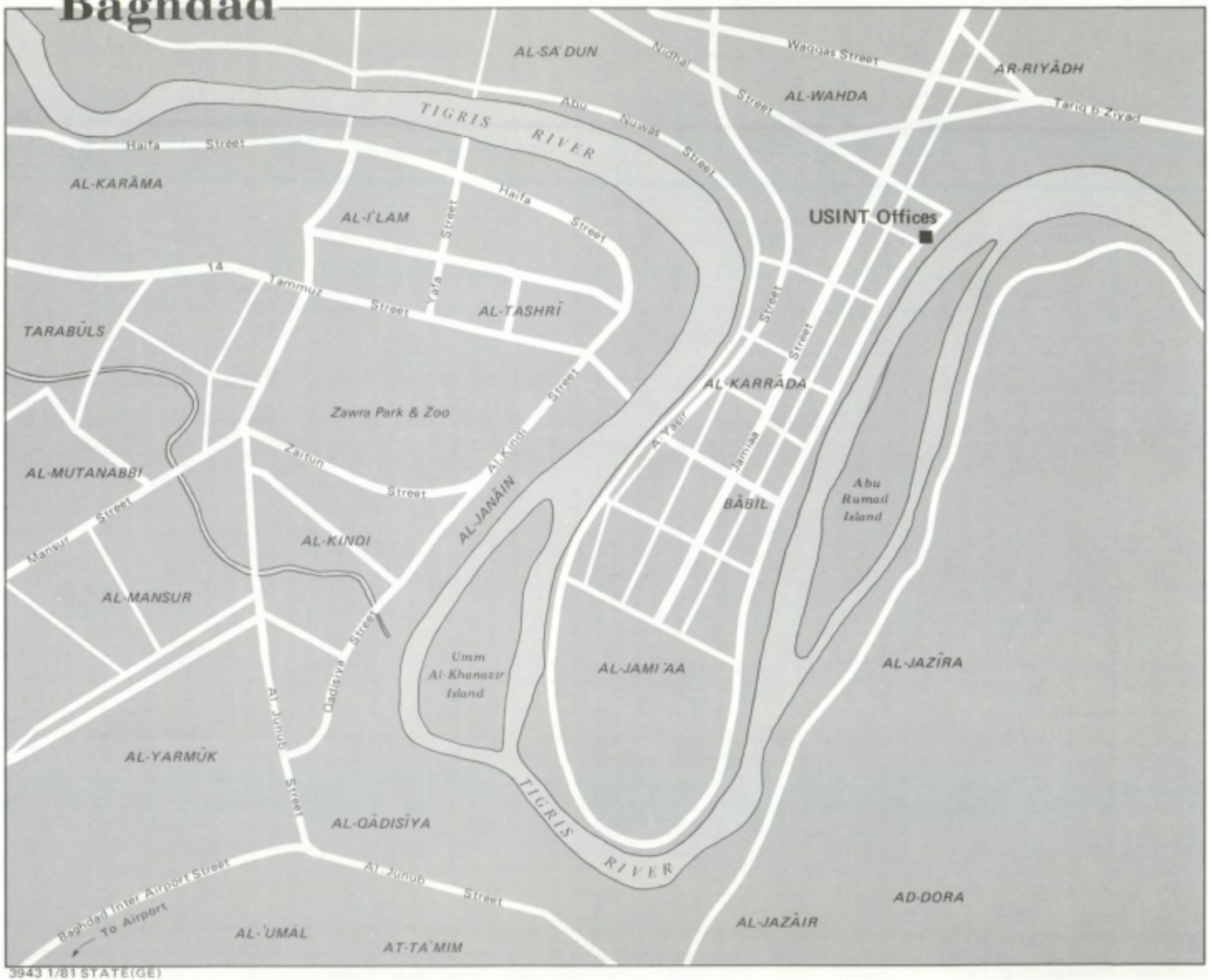

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No Iraqi income taxes or local taxes are assessed on US Government personnel.

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Accommodation exchange privileges are available at USINT. Dinar accounts are not normally opened at local banks. Maintain a personal checking account at a bank in the US.

RECOMMENDED READING

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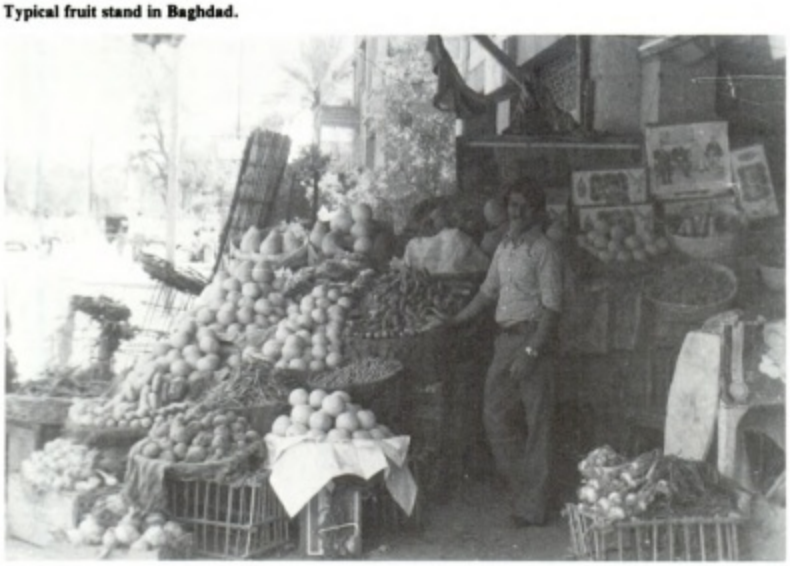
Typical fruit stand in Baghdad.



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