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TO IMMEDIATE TEHRAN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 817 OF 21 DECEMBER

AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON UKMIS NEW YORK

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FOLLOWING IS ADVANCE TEXT OF A MESSAGE TO BE SENT SHORTLY FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER. IT WAS HANDED TO US BY THE U.S. EMBASSY ON 21 DECEMBER.

FOR MORE THAN SIX WEEKS, I HAVE TRIED IN EVERY WAY AVAILABLE TO ME TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, TO THE CRISIS THAT HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.

WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL AND SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. BUT THE RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO THE DECLARATIONS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, EXPRESSED THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, HAS BEEN ONE OF TOTAL DEFIANCE. AND WITH EACH DAY THAT PASSES, THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLE BEING HELD HOSTAGE THERE GROWS MORE AND MORE UNCERTAIN. THEY CANNOT WITHSTAND THESE CONDITIONS INDEFINITELY. NOR WILL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, OR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ALLOW THE SITUATION TO DRAG ON INDEFINITELY.

THROUGH THE UN AND THE WORLD COURT, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS MADE ITS POSITION ABSOLUTELY CLEAR. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTION AS WELL. I AM THEREFORE INSTRUCTING THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO REQUEST AN EARLY MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT BINDING MEASURES UNDER ARTICLE 41 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

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WE SEEK A CLEAR AND CONVINCING EXPRESSION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT IT WILL ACT FIRMLY AND PROMPTLY TO UPHOLD INTERNATIONAL LAW AGAINST THE GROSSEST AND MOST INHUMANE OF VIOLATIONS. WE SEEK EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS THAT WILL INDUCE THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. WE SEEK TO EMPLOY THE COLLECTIVE PRESSURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO OBTAIN, A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, RATHER THAN TURN TO THE OTHER REMEDIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

WE ARE NOT NOW ASKING TO BLOCK IRAN'S EXPORTS OR TO AFFECT ITS IMPORTS OF FOOD OR HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES SUCH AS MEDICINE. BUT WE DO SEEK STRONG, COLLECTIVE ACTION. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT DOES NOT RESPECT INTERNATIONAL DECLARATIONS UNACCOMPANIED BY INTERNATIONAL ACTION. AND BY THEIR CONTINUED DEFIANCE, THEY DO NOT ONLY IMPERIL THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE: THEY CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITY AND THE PRACTICAL RELEVANCE OF THE PEACEKEEPING MACHINERY THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THIS IS A MATTER THAT NOT ONLY AFFECTS THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES: IT AFFECTS THE PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL ORDER VITAL TO ALL OF US.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT US IN THIS EFFORT TO OBTAIN A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD

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