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TELEGRAM NUMBER 452 OF 29/9/80

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IRAQ/IRAN: MY TEL NO 432 (NOT TO ALL)

1. IN A SPEECH TO THE NATION BROADCAST ON THE EVENING OF 28 SEPTEMBER PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSAIN ANNOUNCED THAT IRAQ WAS READY TO END THE FIGHTING AND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS. IRAQ WAS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY, THROUGH A THIRD PARTY OR THROUGH ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION IN WHICH IT HAD CONFIDENCE IN ORDER TO REACH A JUST AND HONOURABLE SOLUTION THAT WOULD GUARANTEE IRAQ RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY.

2. IRAQ WOULD NOT BE TEMPTED BY ITS STRENGTH OR BY ITS VICTORIES TO IMPOSE UNJUST CONDITIONS. BUT IT DEMANDED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT'S OPEN, DE JURE AND DE FACTO, RECOGNITION OF IRAQ'S LEGITIMATE HISTORICAL RIGHTS TO ITS LAND AND WATERS;

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(B) THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT'S ADHERENCE TO A POLICY OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS AND RENUNCIATION OF RACISM, AGGRESSION AND EXPANSIONISM, AS WELL AS ALL ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION:

(C) THE RETURN OF "EVERY INCH OF USURPED IRAQI LAND AND THE OBSERVANCE OF IRAQI AND ARAB RIGHTS ON THIS BASIS."

(D) RESPECT BY IRAN FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWS, CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES.

3. AFTER A DIGRESSION ABOUT IRAQ'S DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH IRAN, SADDAM CALLED ON THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO END ITS OCCUPATION OF THE THREE GULF ISLANDS SEIZED BY THE SHAH. IT IS NOT QUITE CLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER THIS IS A SPELLING OUT OF CONDITION (C) ABOVE, OR AN ATTEMPT TO PLAY TO THE ARAB GALLERY.

4. A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE SPEECH, TAKEN FROM THE ARABIC TEXT, WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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