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TO IMMEDIATE TEHRAN  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 212 OF 29 MARCH  
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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 70/80

MY TELNO 587 TO WASHINGTON : US/IRAN.

PRIME MINISTER HAS NOW DECIDED TO SEND THE MESSAGE IN MY IFT TO  
BANI SADR. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR ITS DELIVERY AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE BEFORE THE AMERICAN DEADLINE IN MY TELNO 586 TO WASHINGTON.

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MIPT : US/IRAN

I HAVE BEEN WATCHING WITH GREAT INTEREST RECENT EVENTS IN YOUR COUNTRY, AND SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH YOU HAVE ASSUMED THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND BEGUN THE DIFFICULT TASK OF GOVERNMENT.

THERE IS ONE PROBLEM, AS YOU YOURSELF HAVE SAID, WHICH IS IMPEDING YOU IN THESE EFFORTS. THIS IS THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATS IN TEHRAN. THIS SITUATION IS CAUSING GRAVE DAMAGE TO THE STANDING OF IRAN IN THE WORLD. IT IS ALSO OF VERY SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND TO MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE UNTIRINGLY WITH YOUR EFFORTS TO SECURE THE EARLY RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. UNTIL THIS IS ACHIEVED I SEE NO WAY IN WHICH THE MANY PROBLEMS CONFRONTING YOU CAN BE TACKLED. THE PATIENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OVER AN ACT WHICH NO GOVERNMENT CAN CONDONE HAS SO FAR, IN MY VIEW, PROVED REMARKABLE. BUT I MUST STRESS TO YOU THAT THIS PATIENCE IS NOT INEXHAUSTIBLE. I AM MOST PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED THAT, IF THE PRESENT STALEMATE OVER THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES IS FURTHER PROLONGED, THE MOST DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES COULD ENSUE.

I FEEL SURE THAT, IF SOME INDEPENDENT AND RESPECTED AUTHORITY, PERHAPS EVEN THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ITSELF (THOUGH I UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OVER THIS), WERE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THE CUSTODY OF THE HOSTAGES FROM THOSE STILL HOLDING THEM IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, THIS WOULD PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE REASSURANCE TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, AND ENABLE FURTHER CONSTRUCTIVE MOVES TOWARDS THE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES AND THE RELAXATION OF TENSION TO TAKE PLACE.

THE SITUATION WE ARE FACING NOW IS OF SUCH GRAVITY THAT I ENTREAT YOU TO USE YOUR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS EARLY

RESOLUTION.

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