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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NO 97 OF 14 JANUARY

INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK, TEHRAN, ISLAMABAD (FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SECRETARY OF STATE)

UNITED STATES/IRAN

1. MR WARREN CHRISTOPHER TOLD MR HURD IN GREAT CONFIDENCE THIS MORNING (PLEASE PROTECT) THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS MAKING EFFORTS TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING 6 POINT PACKAGE PROPOSAL TO THE IRANIANS THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS (EG WALDHEIM-FARHANG):

- A. ALL THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES AT THE EMBASSY IN TEHRAN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE:
- B. THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARED TO WORK OUT IN ADVANCE A FORUM FOR THE VENTILATION OF IRANIAN GRIEVANCES, TO INDICATE SOME SYMPATHY WITH THESE AND TO STATE THAT ONCE THE HOSTAGES WERE RELEASED THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WILLING TO CO-OPERATE WITH THIS FORUM WITHIN THE LIMITS ALLOWED BY AMERICAN LAW. AS TO WHAT THE FORUM MIGHT BE, THIS WAS BEING DELIBERATELY LEFT VAGUE: THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WAS NOT EXCLUDED. THE SECRETARY GENERAL COULD DECIDE:
- C. THE UNITED STATES WOULD FACILITATE ANY LEGAL ACTION WHICH IRAN MIGHT CHOOSE TO BRING FOR RECOVERY OF THE SHAH'S ASSETS IN THE UNITED STATES, EG BY TELLING THE COURT THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED IRAN'S RIGHT TO BRING SUCH AN ACTION AND BY GIVING HELP IN TRACING THE ASSETS. (CHRISTOPHER COMMENTED THAT THE IRANIANS WERE IN FOR A DISAPPOINTMENT: THEIR ESTIMATE OF THE SHAH'S WEALTH WAS GROSSLY EXAGGERATED):
- D. AGAIN ONCE THE HOSTAGES HAD BEEN RELEASED, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE READY TO LIFT THE FREEZE ON IRANIAN ASSETS AND TO TAKE PART IN A UNITED STATES/IRANIAN WORKING GROUP TO ARRANGE THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS BY AMERICAN NATIONALS AND BANKS:
- E. THE UNITED STATES WOULD APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THE THREAT TO IRAN IN THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. IT WOULD MAKE MILITARY SPARE PARTS AVAILABLE TO IRAN ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS BY AMERICAN AND IRANIAN EXPERTS:

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F. THE UNITED STATES WOULD MAKE A WARM STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING IRANIAN GRIEVANCES, RECOGNISING THE RIGHT OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR FORM OF GOVERNMENT ETC.

2. MR CHRISTOPHER SAID THAT SELECTIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL USE OF THIS INFORMATION IN NEW YORK HAD HELPED TO SECURE NON-ALIGNED VOTES FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (VETOED BY THE SOVIET UNION) ON 13 JANUARY.

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