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YOUR TEL 453: BRITISH COMMUNITY IN THE BASRA REGION

1. LATEST JIC ASSESSMENT WILL BE TELEGRAPHED TO YOU LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

2. IRANIAN OBJECTIVES MAY BE TO REACH THE EAST BANK OF THE SHATT AL ARAB NORTH OF BASRA, THUS CUTTING OFF IRAQI TROOPS IN THE SOUTH. THE IRANIANS COULD THEN EFFECT FURTHER CROSSINGS TO CUT OFF THE MAIN BASRA/BAGHDAD HIGHWAY.

3. YOU WILL WISH TO TAKE THIS ANALYSIS INTO ACCOUNT IN REACHING A DECISION WHETHER TO ADVISE EVACUATION.

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