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ANDREW PYKE

1. SWEDISH MFA HAVE JUST TOLD US THAT BUNDY SPOKE TO THE IRANIAN MFA (TAGHAVI) ON 3 MARCH ABOUT PYKE'S CASE.
2. IT EMERGED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD SUBMITTED A REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, CULMINATING IN AN APPEAL TO THEM TO DEAL URGENTLY WITH THE MATTER AND TO ALLOW CONSULAR ACCESS. BUNDY POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD ALREADY SENT A NOTE TO THE MINISTRY TO THIS END. ACCORDING TO TAGHAVI, CERTAIN DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED WHICH THEY WANTED TO TAKE TO COURT. HE SAID THIS WAS PERFECTLY NORMAL. FOR HIS OWN PART, HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE AIMED NOT SO MUCH AT PYKE PERSONALLY AS AT THE HELICOPTER COMPANY OF WHICH HE WAS DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR. IN THIS CAPACITY HE WAS, HOWEVER, LIABLE FOR QUESTIONING. ACCORDING TO BUNDY, WHAT TAGHAVI MAY HAVE MEANT WAS SCUDUSSI'S SUBJECTION LAST WEEK THAT PYKE MAY HAVE BEEN QUALITY (DIRECTLY OR

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3. BUNDY SUBSEQUENTLY MENTIONED TO TAGHAVI THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM ANOTHER SOURCE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A LINKAGE BETWEEN PYKE AND THE TWO DAYSWATER IRANIANS. TAGHAVI SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT COMPLETELY EXCLUDE THAT BUT ADDED THAT IF THERE WERE NO VALID CHARGES AGAINST PYKE HE SHOULD, IN THE MFA'S VIEW, BE RELEASED. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION BUNDY OBTAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT DOCUMENTS IN THE CASE OF PYKE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD AND WOULD PROVE TO BE REASONABLY HARMLESS IN SO FAR AS PYKE WAS CONCERNED. TAGHAVI ADVISED THAT ONE SHOULD AWAIT A REACTION FROM THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ON THE REPORT REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
4. BUNDY SUGGESTED TO TAGHAVI THAT AT LEAST PYKE MIGHT BE RELEASED (WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO LEAVE IRAN) PENDING CONCLUSION OF THE EXAMINATION. IN THAT CASE MRS PYKE COULD BE REUNITED WITH HER HUSBAND. TAGHAVI UNDERTOOK TO INVESTIGATE THIS POSSIBILITY BUT ADVISED AGAINST MRS PYKE COMING TO IRAN AT PRESENT.

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