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1. PRIMIN HOVEYDA CALLED ME LAST NIGHT SAYING HE MUST SEE ME THIS MORNING ABOUT A MOST URGENT MATTER. WHEN I CALLED ON HIM HE HAD TELEGRAM IN HIS HAND WHICH HE RECEIVED LAST EVENING FROM SHAH. HE SAID TELEGRAM INSTRUCTED HIM TO REMIND ME:

(A) OF GREAT URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE SHAH ATTACHED TO MATTERS, PARTICULARLY OIL, WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT LAST OCTOBER;

(B) OF SHAH'S EXPECTATION BASED ON HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT THAT US WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN RESPONDING TO IRAN'S REQUEST RE OIL AND ALSO MILITARY MATTERS ON WHICH PEACE AND VERY FUTURE OF PERSIAN GULF DEPENDED;

(C) THAT THUS FAR THERE NO RPT NO FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THESE REQUESTS; (HE SAID SHAH ALSO SENT PRESIDENT PERSONAL MESSAGE THROUGH IRANIAN CHANNELS TO WHICH ONLY INTERIM REPLY RECEIVED);

(D) TELEGRAM CONCLUDED BY ASKING WHAT THEN HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY SHAH'S TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

2. HOVEYDA COMMENTED VERY PRIVATELY TO ME THAT SHAH IS DEEPLY DISTURBED BECAUSE THIS WHOLE POLICY IS BASED ON CLOSE COOPERATION WITH US. HOVEYDA HAS SEEN MEMCON OF

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JUGULAR VEIN" HAS ALSO ADDED GREATLY TO SHAH'S CONCERN SINCE HE BELIEVES IRAN IS ONLY COUNTRY IN GULF REGION THAT CAN MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY OF THAT VITAL AREA WHICH IS SO ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY TO IRAN BUT ALSO TO JAPAN, EUROPE AND US AND HE NEEDS US COOPERATION TO HELP ASSURE STABILITY AND SECURITY THERE. THIS DEEP CONCERN COUPLED WITH SHAH'S HIGH EXPECTATIONS AFTER WASHINGTON VISIT MAY HAVE LED TO HIS PRESENT FEELING OF "DECEPTION" THAT NOTHING SEEMED TO BE MOVING ALTHOUGH FOUR MONTHS HAD PASSED SINCE HIS VISIT.

6. COMMENT: WE HEARD VERY RECENTLY THAT SHAH WAS GETTING RESTLESS BUT WE DID NOT KNOW THAT HIS SENSE OF FRUSTRATION HAD REACHED SUCH A PITCH. WHILE WE OF COURSE REALIZE THAT ALL HIS REQUESTS CANNOT BE MET, WE DO URGE THAT WE DO ALL WE CAN TO RESPOND AS FAVORABLY AS POSSIBLE WHEREVER WE CAN, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT AFTER 1971 THE FUTURE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF FREE WORLD INTERESTS IN GULF (AN AREA OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN AND NATO FROM WHICH US NETS ONE AND HALF BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY FROM US OIL COMPANY SALES) WILL ALMOST INEVITABLY DEPEND TO VERY CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON IRAN. THE ONLY PLUS IN THE AREA. GP-3.  
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