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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO IRAN: IMPORTANCE OF IRAN TO US

REF: A) TEHRAN 2440 B) TEHRAN 2604 C) TEHRAN 2642

THIS IS SIXTH AND LAST IN SERIES MESSAGES ON PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO IRAN FORESEEN IN REF A.

1. REF B AND C, OUTLINING SHAH'S VIEWS ON WIDE VARIETY OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, WERE DESIGNED TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT AS IT PREPARES RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBJECTS WHICH MAY COME UP DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND PRIVATE TALKS WITH SHAH.

2. IN ADDITION TO POSITIONS PRESIDENT WILL TAKE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, WE BELIEVE PRESIDENT'S POSTURE IN IRAN -- BOTH IN PUBLIC AND IN PRIVATE -- SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, EXPLICITLY STRESS THREE PRINCIPAL THEMES OUTLINED BELOW WHICH, IN OUR VIEW, SUM UP IMPORTANCE OF IRAN TO US.

A. IRAN IS SUCCESS STORY AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

FROM 1947 UNTIL 1968, USG GAMBLED IN IRAN BY MAKING SIZEABLE INVESTMENT OF USG RESOURCES (CLOSE TO \$900 MILLION IN GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE, SOME \$600 MILLION IN VARIOUS FORMS ECONOMIC AID). THAT GAMBLE HAS PAID OFF HANDSOMELY -- PROBABLY MORE SO THAN IN ANY OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY WHICH BENEFITED

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ECONOMIC TAKEOVER AND MILITARY MODERNIZATION, HAS LEFT US WITH RESERVOIR OF GRATITUDE AND GOODWILL AMONG IRANIAN LEADERSHIP AND PEOPLE.

(3) THIS HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY SUPPLEMENTED BY TWO FACTS: (A) LARGE SEGMENTS OF IRANIAN LEADERSHIP (BOTH IN AND OUT OF ESTABLISHMENT) HAVE BEEN TRAINED OR EDUCATED IN US; AND (B) US STILL REMAINS CHOICE OF LARGEST NUMBER OF IRANIAN STUDENTS WHO GO ABROAD FOR STUDY.

(4) THE CURRENT BASES OF IRAN-US FRIENDSHIP ARE STRONG; THERE ARE NO SERIOUS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BETWEEN US, OUR INTERESTS AND GOALS IN REGION ARE CONGENIAL, AND IRAN LOOKS UPON US AS ITS BEST AND MOST TRUSTWORTHY FRIEND. BENEFITS OF IRAN-US FRIENDSHIP HAVE BEEN AND REMAIN TANGIBLE AND SUBSTANTIAL: (A) IRAN PROVIDES US WITH IRREPLACEABLE INTELLIGENCE FACILITIES VITAL TO US SECURITY INTEREST; (B) IRAN ALSO PROVIDES US (AND WEST) WITH ONLY SECURE AIR CORRIDOR BETWEEN EUROPEAN NATO AND SOUTHEAST ASIA; (C) IN ECONOMIC SPHERE, IRAN IS PLAYING MODERATING ROLE IN VITAL OIL MATTERS, CONTRIBUTES DIRECTLY TO US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AND PROVIDES STABLE AND FRIENDLY CLIMATE FOR US INVESTMENT;

(D) IN DIPLOMATIC SPHERE IRAN HAS BEEN WILLING TO SERVE AS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION FOR US IDEAS AND ADVICE (E.G. ON ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE AND DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN) AND HAS GIVEN FULL AND COMPLETE COOPERATION IN OUR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS EFFORTS.

C. IRAN IS RESPONSIBLE AND MODERATE REGIONAL POWER IN AREA OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US AND WEST.

(1) IRAN IS ONLY COUNTRY IN REGION WITH BOTH WILL AND ABILITY TO PLAY ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN PROTECTING SECURITY OF PERSIAN GULF -- AREA WHICH IS NOW OF VITAL IMPORTANCE AS SOURCE OF OIL TO US ALLIES IN PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC (JAPAN AND EUROPEAN NATO RESPECTIVELY RECEIVE 90 PERCENT AND 56 PERCENT OF OIL FROM GULF) AND WHICH PROMISES TO BECOME IMPORTANT

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SOURCE GI OIL FOR US ITSELF WITHIN NEXT 10 TO 15 YEARS.

(2) IRAN'S GOALS TOWARD ITS NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING VITAL GULF REGION, ARE GENERALLY CONGENIAL WITH US INTERESTS AND IRAN HAS NO TIES, COMMITMENTS OR DISPUTES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN REGION WHICH ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH US.

(3) FINALLY, IRAN IS ONLY FRIENDLY, STABLE AND RESPONSIBLE COUNTRY IN AREA BETWEEN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND EUROPEAN NATO WHICH IS LIKELY TO SERVE US INTERESTS IN THE FUTURE -- INCLUDING EFFORTS TO HELP OFFSET FURTHER MOVES BY SOVIETS TO REINFORCE THEIR POSITION OF INFLUENCE IN MIDDLE EAST, GULF AND SOUTH ASIA -- WITHOUT MAKING DEMANDS ON USG RESOURCES. THIS IS UNIQUE PROSPECT WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA -- INDIA, PAKISTAN, TURKEY, AFGHANISTAN AND FRIENDLY ARAB COUNTRIES.

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