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SUBJ: IRAN

FOR SEC DEF, CJCS, AND ASD-ISA FROM CHARLES DUNCAN

- AS PER MY CONVERSATION WITH SECDEF THIS AFTERNOON, THE SCC ON IRAN MET THIS MORNING AND DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT DEPENDENTS OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL STATIONED IN IRAN BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, IF THEY WISH TO DO SO, AT USG EXPENSE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD. THIS WOULD BE STRICTLY VOLUNTARY, NOT REPEAT NOT AN ORDERED EVACUATION.
- I AGREE WE SHOULD ALLOW DOD DEPENDENT PERSONNEL TO LEAVE VOLUNTARILY IF THEY WISH IT AT DOD EXPENSE. I RECOGNIZE THIS RUNS SOME POLITICAL RISK IN IRAN, BUT SOME DEPENDENTS AND ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS WOULD STILL BE IN PLACE. IN EFFECT, THIS PLACES OFFICIAL DEPENDENTS ON SAME FOOTING AS DEPENDENTS OF AMERICAN COMPANIES. IN MY JUDGEMENT, ANY OTHER POSITION WOULD BE UNTENABLE, AND I HAVE THEREFORE APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION

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TO THE PRESIDENT. OSD 3.3(b)(1)

3 (8) FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I QUOTE BOB MURRAY'S REPORT TO ME OF THE MINI-SCC MEETING. QUOTE: A MINI-SCC ON IRAN MET THIS MORNING TO REVIEW THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION, THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT. DAVID AARON CHAIRED THE MEETING. GEORGE BALL, HAL SAUNDERS, BOB BOWIE, MG JOHN CLELAND AND I ATTENDED. THE ESSENTIAL POINTS WERE:

" A. INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION. [REDACTED] REMAINS GLOOMY. [REDACTED] THAT 'CIVIL UNREST MAY THREATEN THE SURVIVAL OF THE MONARCHY...THE RISK TO AMERICANS WILL INCREASE... SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD, TAXING THE RESOURCES AND MORALE OF THE MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES. REPORTS OF UNEASE IN THE MILITARY ARE SURFACING AND PROSPECTS FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION REMAIN BLEAK.'

" B. SAFETY OF AMERICANS. WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE RISKS TO AMERICANS. LAST NIGHT'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE WASHINGTON STAR, FROM A MILITARY WIFE IN IRAN, WAS MENTIONED. STATE REVIEWED THE REASONS WHY SULLIVAN FELT WE SHOULD FOREGO EVACUATION. I SAID

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IT WAS NOT A MATTER OF EVACUATION BUT OF ALLOWING PEOPLE
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 VOLUNTARILY TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. I SAID THAT
 TO:
 WHEREAS COMPANIES ALLOW DEPENDENTS TO GO HOME AT COMPANY
 EXPENSE, THE USG DOES NOT PRESENTLY ALLOW MILITARY OR OTHER
 OFFICIAL DEPENDENTS THE SAME OPPORTUNITY. SOME PEOPLE FELT
 TRAPPED AS A RESULT, AS THE LETTER TO THE EDITOR SUGGESTED,
 AND SOME PEOPLE WERE RIGHTLY SCARED. I SAID WE SHOULD ALLOW
 DEPENDENTS TO RETURN TO THE U.S. AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE IF
 THEY WISHED IT. BALL ARGUED THAT NOT ALLOWING DEPENDENTS TO
 LEAVE WAS AN UNTENABLE POSITION. DAVID AARON AGREED AND REC-
 COMMENDED THAT WE RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT DEPENDENTS
 BE AUTHORIZED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTARILY AT
 GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. STATE AND ISA ARE DRAFTING APPROPRIATE
 MESSAGES TO ACHIEVE THIS, WHICH I WILL SEND TO YOU FOR APPROVAL.
 " C. POLITICAL SITUATION. SAUNDERS REPORTED ON A PAPER THEY
 ARE PREPARING ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE FOR IRAN. IT WAS GEORGE
 BALL'S VIEW THAT THE SHAH IS INCAPABLE OF FORMING A COALITION
 GOVERNMENT, AND THAT WE SHOULD, ON OUR OWN, DRAW UP QUICKLY
 (BY NEXT TUESDAY) A LIST OF 50 OR SO NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD

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REPRESENT A CROSS SECTION OF MODERATE OPINION AND LEADERSHIP.
 WE SHOULD URGE THE SHAH TO FORM A "COUNCIL OF WORTHIES" COM-
 POSED OF THESE OR LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE. THE TASK OF THE COUNCIL
 WOULD BE TO BEGIN THE FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT.
 STATE ~~██████████~~ DOD ARE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS OF NAMES. BALL ALSO
 SUGGESTED WE EXAMINE WHAT ROLE WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE SHAH IF A
 COALITION GOVERNMENT IS TO BE CREDIBLE AND EFFECTUAL. SIGNED
 ROBERT J. MURRAY. UNQUOTE.

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