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SUBJECT: SAVAK

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1. WE ARE CONTEMPLATING AN APPROACH TO GOI IN GENERAL
TERMS REGARDING CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND MCGOVERN
SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS INTO SAVAK. BEFORE PROCEEDING
WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS AS TO CONTENT, TIMING, AND LOCUS
OF A POSSIBLE APPROACH.

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2. OUR TENTATIVE JUDGMENT IS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH THE GOI AT AN EARLY DATE. A NEW YORK MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON SAVAK WHICH HAS JUST APPEARED WILL BRING THIS QUESTION TO PUBLIC ATTENTION. WE OWE IT TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE IRANIANS TO INITIATE A FRANK DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE. WE KNOW THEY ARE AWARE OF THE CHICAGO GRAND JURY INQUIRY AND POSSIBLY ALSO OF THE MCGOVERN SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATION. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PROCEED WITH AN ORDERLY CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE. FURTHER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT AS PART OF ITS GENERAL CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS, GOI MAY DIRECT FURTHER SAVAK ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. AN EARLY APPROACH COULD HEAD OFF THESE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IF YOU AGREE AND SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH JUSTICE AND POSSIBLY SENATOR MCGOVERN, WE WOULD PROPOSE A PRESENTATION TO THE GOI ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- ACTIVITIES OF IRANIAN AGENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF SAVAK, WHICH MAY CONTRAVENE OUR LAWS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THESE INVESTIGATIONS WILL COME OUT.

-- THE JUSTICE INVESTIGATION IS FOCUSING ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE SHAH'S VISIT TO THE US IN NOVEMBER 1977. THE CHARGES WILL PROBABLY CENTER ON VIOLATIONS OF THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AND THE CURRENCY LAWS.

-- THE MCGOVERN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS ALSO CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO SAVAK ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. THIS INVESTIGATION FOCUSES ON HARASSMENT AND SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN

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THIS COUNTRY BY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS LOOKING AT SIX COUNTRIES - INCLUDING, IRAN.

-- WE STRONGLY URGE THE GOI TO REVIEW THE SCOPE OF ALL THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE US AND TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LAWS.

-- IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IF THE GOI COULD GIVE US ASSURANCES IN THIS REGARD WHICH WE COULD USE PUBLICLY.

-- WE WILL WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE GOI AS THIS PROCESS GOES FORWARD.

4. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON WHETHER THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE SHAH, TO A SUBORDINATE OFFICIAL, E.G. THE PRIME MINISTER, TO AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI HERE IN WASHINGTON OR THROUGH PARALLEL APPROACHES HERE AND IN TEHRAN.

5. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FRANK ASSESSMENT AS TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED ON THIS MATTER AT THIS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TIME.

6. WE ARE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH JUSTICE ON INVESTIGATION OF IRANIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BUT HAVE NOTHING FURTHER AT THIS STAGE. CHRISTOPHER

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