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SUBJECT: PRESENT STATUS IN SAGA REGARDING THE MOVEMENT OF TOW MISSILES

PLEASE PASS TO DCI FROM DDCI EYES ONLY AT START OF HIS DAY AND PLEASE CONFIRM DELIVERY.

1. A NEW DIMENSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS PROGRAM AS A RESULT MEETING HELD IN LONDON BETWEEN NORTH AND GHORBANIFAR. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE A MAP DEPICTING THE ORDER OF BATTLE ON THE IRAN/IRAQ BORDER SHOWING UNITS, TROOPS, TANKS, ELECTRONIC INSTALLATIONS, AND WHAT HAVE YOU. THE GAME PLAN IS FOR A SEGMENT OF THE MAP DEPICTING A PART OF THE FRONT TO BE PASSED TO SHOW OUR BONA FIDES AND THAT WILL START IN TRAIN A SERIES OF EVENTS. WHEN THE MOVEMENT OF THE MISSILES TAKES PLACE, THE REMAINDER OF THE MAP WILL BE PASSED AND THAT WILL PROMPT ALL THE RECIPROCAL ACTION ON THE PART OF THE IRANIANS. TIMING IS FOR THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE MAP TO BE DELIVERED LEAVING HERE TOMORROW, SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY. THEN ON THE 9TH OF FEBRUARY, A THOUSAND TOWS WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE MAP AS THE FIRST TRANCHE OF A 4,000 COMMITMENT.

2. WE ARE TO GET THE TOWS FROM THE US ARMY AND ARRANGE TRANSPORT OVERSEAS.

3. EVERYONE HERE AT HEADQUARTERS ADVISES AGAINST THIS OPERATION NOT ONLY BECAUSE WE FEEL THE PRINCIPAL INVOLVED IS A LIAR AND HAS A RECORD OF DECEIT, BUT, SECONDLY, WE WOULD BE AIDING AND ABETTING THE WRONG PEOPLE. I MET WITH POINDEXTER THIS AFTERNOON TO APPEAL HIS DIRECTION THAT WE PROVIDE THIS INTELLIGENCE, POINTING OUT NOT ONLY THE FRAGILITY IN THE ABILITY OF THE PRINCIPAL TO DELIVER, BUT ALSO THE FACT THAT WE WERE TILTING IN A DIRECTION WHICH COULD CAUSE THE IRANIANS TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL OFFENSE AGAINST THE IRAQIS WITH CATAclySMIC RESULTS. I NOTED THAT PROVIDING DEFENSIVE MISSILES WAS ONE THING BUT WHEN WE PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE ON THE ORDER OF BATTLE, WE ARE GIVING THE IRANIANS THE WHEREWITHAL

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4. POINDEXTER DID NOT DISPUTE OUR RATIONALE OR OUR ANALYSIS, BUT INSISTED THAT IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED. HE FELT THAT BY DOING IT IN STEPS THE MOST WE COULD LOSE IF IT DID NOT REACH FULFILLMENT WOULD BE 1,000 TONS AND A MAP OF ORDER OF BATTLE WHICH IS PERISHABLE ANYWAY.

5. WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO PREPARE THAT MAP AND DELIVER IT TO MCRTH AT 1100 SATURDAY MORNING WASHINGTON TIME.

6. I HAVE READ THE SIGNED FINDING DATED 17 JANUARY 1986 WHICH STATES US THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT THE NSC IS NOW ASKING. -ENCE. IN SPITE OF OUR COUNSEL TO THE CONTRARY, WE ARE PROCEEDING TO FOLLOW OUT ORDERS AS SO AUTHORIZED IN THE FINDING.

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