

SUBJECT: P-3 OPERATIONS

1. APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON PRO-DUCING SOME MOVEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. WE BELIEVE COVER STORY SHOULD STICK AS CLOSE TO FACTS AS POSSIBLE. SUGGEST THAT IF ASKED WE TAKE POSITION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: P-3 AIRCRAFT OCCASIONALLY VISIT BANDAR ABBAS ON A NON-SCHEDULED BASIS, SUBJECT TO GOI AUTHORIZATION AND FLIGHT CLEARANCES. DURING THEIR STOP-OVERS IN BANDAR ABBAS P-3 PILOTS AND CREWS MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS OF OPERATIONS WITH THEIR IRANIAN COUNTERPARTS WHO FLY IIAF P-3'S. ON OCCASION, JOINT USN-IIAF EXERCISES ARE CONDUCTED USING P-3 AIRCRAFT. FLYING TO AND FROM BANDAR ABBAS, USN P-3'S GENERALLY CONDUCT ROUTINE RECONNAISSANCE EXERCISES.

3. IF WASHINGTON COMMUNITY AGREES TO FOREGOING, IT SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT WITH GOI BY US BEFORE PUTTING INTO EFFECT.

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