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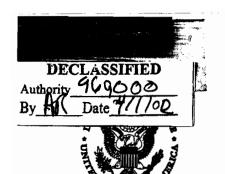
SUBJECT: IRAN-IRAQ RELATIONS

I - I GUERIED DEPUTY FORMIN KHALWIBARI THIS MORNING ABOUT IRAQ SITUATION AND IRAQ+IRAN RELATIONS HE REPLIED SITUATION TON TONFUSED AND IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER THERE IS ONE OR MORE GROUPS IN IRAQ INVOLVED IN REPORTED COUP.

2. HE SAID TRADES HAD NOT OBSERVED DIPLOMATIC NORMS IN TREATMENT OF TRADIAN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN BAGHDAD IN THAT THEY FIRST THREW MILITARY CORDON AROUND EMBASSY AND SUBSEQUENTLY HAD LOCKED TRANIAN AMBASSADOR AND OTHER TRANIANS IN SMALL ROOM AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT HOLDING THEM THERE FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE. FURTHERMORE WHEN TRANIAN CHARGE HAD RETURNED TO EMBASSY FOLLOWING HIS AMBASSADOR'S FORED DEPARTURE HIS CAR HAD BEEN STOPPED AT GUN POINT OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. ETC.

3. KHALATBARI SAID WORK OF THIS TREATMENT STIRRED UPL CONSIDERABLE ANGER AMONG DIFFERENT ELEMENTS IN IRAN

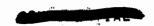




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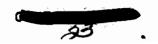
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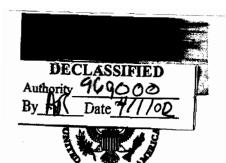
AND TEHRAN AIRPORT OFFICIALS HAD WANTED TO LOCK IRAGI AMBASSADOR IN SMALL ROOM GIVING HIM SIMILAR TREATMENT TO THAT OF IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD. THIS FORMIN HAD FIRMLY RESISTED AND HAD INSISTED THAT IRAQ AMBASSADOR AND FOUR MEMBERS OF EMBASSY WHO WERE ASKED TO LEAVE BE GIVEN FACILITIES OF VIP ROOM AND TREATED AS FRIENDLY DIPLOMATS. (EXTENSIVE FILMED COVERAGE OF DEPARTURE EXPELLED IRAGI DIPLOMATS ON IRANIAN TV SHOWED VIP WAITING ROOM ATMOSPHERE: AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN DIPLOMATS, OFFICIALS AND GUESTS WAS: RELAXED, FRIENDLY AND GOOD HUMORED, CONTRARY TO TRAGE CHARGES OF MISTREATMENT IMPRESSION GIVEN BY COVERAGE: WAS ONE OF COURTESY AND WARM FAREWELLS ON BOTH SIDES, INCLUDING EMBRACE BETWEEN IRAQI AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDING IRANIAN FORMIN OFFICIALS.) HE ADDED THAT WHEREAS IRADIS: HAD PNG D IRAN AMBASSADOR AND FOUR COLLEAGUES, GOT HAD ONLY ASKED EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF IRAQI DIPLOMATS TO LEAVE IRAN WITHOUT PNG.

4. KHALATBARI SALD THAT WHILE GO! WANTED TO REACT IN MODERATE AND BALANCED WAY TO IRAG, GO! FACED VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO STRIKE PROPER BALANCE FOR TWO REASONS! IF GO! DID NOTHING (A) IRAGIS MIGHT INTERPRET THIS AS WEAKNESS: AND PROCEED TO EVEN GREATER PROVOCATION! (B) IRANIAN: PUBLIC OPINION WOULD BE VERY CRITICAL OF GO! FOR NOT RETALIATING IN KIND. NONETHELESS IRAN WOULD TRY TO: STRIKE PROPER BANANCE AND FORMIN FAVORED MODERATION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY I SAID MODERATION WOULD SEEM TO SERVE IRAN'S INTEREST BECAUSE WHEN CONTRASTED WITH IRAG EXTREMES IT WOULD BENEFIT IRAN'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. KHALATBARI. AGREED BUT SAID IT WAS ALL VERY DIFFICULT.

5. I ALSO ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY IRAGI MILITARY MOVEMENTS WHICH GAVE GOI CONCERN. HE REPLIED THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD THERE HAD BEEN SOME DEPLOYMENTS. THERE HAD BEEN NONE OF WHICH HE HAD HEARD THAT WERE CAUSE FOR CONCERN AND THIS WAS UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE WITH KURDS AND POTENTIALLY DISSIDENT ELEMENTS WITHIN IRAG. IRAGI GOVT PROBABLY HAD ITS HANDS FULL.

6. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYINGPRESENT BAGHDAD REIGN OF TERROR AND BLOODBATH PROBABLY DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE EXISTING OPPOSITION LEADERS AND TO INTIMIDATE ANYONE WHO OPPOSED







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EXISTING REGIME - WHETHER IN FACT IT WOULD INTIMIDATE MAJORITY OF IRAGES WHO HE SAID OPPOSED PRESENT REGIME OR WHETHER THEY WOULD FEAR THAT THEY MIGHT BE NEXT ON LIST AND WOULD REACT AGAINST PRESENT REGIME, ONLY TIME COULD TELL GP-8.

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