

DECLASSIFIED

Authority 969003
By HJK Date 7/1/02



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification

Departments of State

TELEGRAM

Pol 17 Iran- US

01 189359

Pol 23-8 US

U/B

INDICATE:

COLLECT
 CHANGE TO

[Handwritten signature]

DISTRIBUTION

~~XXXXXX AmEmbassy TEHRAN IMMEDIATE~~
ACTION:
~~XXXXXX~~ INFO: USDEL SHIRAZ FOR AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATE

INFO: AmEmbassy TEHRAN IMMEDIATE
TOVIP 25
Subject: Bombing of Iranian ConGen in San Francisco

1. Iranian ConGen San Francisco was bombed October 14 at 11:30 p.m. Although no one was hurt, ConGen's wife and children were in building when bomb went off. Very large amount of plastic explosive was used (equiv. 120 sticks of dynamite, four times larger than Capitol bomb), causing extensive fire damage to building and totally wrecking garage and ConGen's car. Many windows in adjacent buildings shattered. Damage estimated at \$500,000-\$900,000, ~~XXXX~~ but ~~XX XXXXXX~~ change in either ~~XX XXXXXX~~ direction.

Mayor of San Francisco immediately made arrangements for all ConGen personnel to move into hotel.

2. Suspect was apprehended immediately after explosion; does not appear to be Iranian, however.

Name: Kent Stephen Wells. FBI and Secret Service have no record of him as yet. SY is running name check; we will advise if anything further turns up.

Vice President
189359

[Handwritten number 4 in a circle]

DRAFTED BY: NEA/IRN:TWChilds/hm	DRAFTING DATE 15Oct71	TEL. EXT. 20639	APPROVED BY: NEA/IRN:Jack C. Miklos
------------------------------------	--------------------------	--------------------	--

CLEARANCES:

NEA - R. P. Davies
 SY - M. J. Tretola
 S/S - Mr. Curran
 A/OPR - Mr. Maguire

DECLASSIFIED
Authority 969003
By AK Date 7/1/02



Classification
Department of State
TELEGRAM

INDICATE:

COLLECT

CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: AmEmbassy TEHRAN IMMEDIATE - 2

3. Dept has arranged for additional protection for other Iranian official premises in US. This will include seven-man detail at Embassy where demonstration expected today and two-man detail over weekend.

Embassy has received bomb threat by phone but EPS has so far found nothing.

4. In possibly related development, the Iran Student Association headquarters in Washington was subjected to very extensive fire damage ten p.m. October 14, or seven p.m. San Francisco time. The first presumption was that somebody was making a bomb and it went off prematurely. Although this is a possibility, the Metropolitan Police tend to discount it since no bodies or evidence of personal injuries were found. Metropolitan Police are operating on hypothesis ISA fire could have been caused either by SAVAK or by local Organization of Arab Students, with whom ISA have apparently been feuding in recent weeks.

PREPARED BY:	DRAFTING DATE	TEL. EXT.	APPROVED BY:
--------------	---------------	-----------	--------------

RANGES:

DECLASSIFIED

Authority 969003
 By AK Date 7/1/02



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification

Department of State
TELEGRAM

INDICATE:

- COLLECT
- CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: AmEmbassy TEHRAN IMMEDIATE - 3

Nevertheless, if ISA in San Francisco jumped to conclusion DC fire was SAVAK's work, they had four hours to organize riposte against ConGen.

5. Acting Assistant Secy Davies personally called Amb Afshar to express regrets. Ambassador is requested to convey the Secretary's profound regrets to FonMin Khalatbari over this deplorable incident, along with assurances that protection other Iranian premises receiving priority attention. Local authorities have been asked to do their utmost to apprehend those responsible for San Francisco incident. Vice President may wish to make parallel representations to Shah.

END

ROGERS

DRAFTED BY:	DRAFTING DATE	TEL. EXT.	APPROVED BY:
-------------	---------------	-----------	--------------

CLEARANCES: