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OER ANALYST SAYS HE TENDS AGREE THAT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY IRAN MADE ANY LAST DITCH EFFORT TO GET HIGHER PRICES, BUT IRAN'S ATTITUDE IN GENERAL HAS BEEN THAT PRICE WAS LOW AND IRANIANS ONLY PRESSED HARD ENOUGH TO KEEP PRICE AT PRESENT LEVEA. ANALYST SAID ASSERTION BASED ON PRESS REPORTS AS WELL AS ON PREVIOUSLY STATED IRANIAN ATTITUDES. E2 IMPDET.

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IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, THE TEXT
 READS, "WHILE ALGERIA, LIBYA, AND IRAN PRESSED FOR HIGHER
 PRICES". SHOULD IRAN READ IRAQ? IF NOT, WHAT IS THE EVIDENTIAL
 BASIS FOR THIS ASSERTION ABOUT IRAN? I/~~HE~~^{DID} NOT GET THE IMPRESSION ABOUT IRAN'S
 POSITION WHEN I TALKED WITH THE SHAH ON MARCH 14 THAT HE WAS IN
 FAVOR OF RAISING PRICES NOW. HE WAS CERTAINLY AGAINST LOWERING
 THEM, BUT I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE OPEC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARCH
 17 WOULD HAVE ABOUT DESCRIBED HIS PRESENT POLICY. E2, IMPDET. DESCRIBED HIS

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