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1. THIS IS SIMPLY TO INFORM YOU THAT [] CAME IN TO SEE ME AT THE OFFICE MORNING OF DECEMBER 20 TO HAVE A BRIEF CHAT AND TO DELIVER A SMALL GIFT FOR CYNTHIA. SINCE I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT HE AND OTHER ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE SHARED WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE AGENCY, I WILL SIMPLY NOTE HERE THE ITEMS DISCUSSED FOR WHATEVER VALUE THIS MAY HAVE TO YOU.

2. [] WAS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN GETTING MY VIEW ABOUT TOP IRANIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL. I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS MY IMPRESSION ISRAEL WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH IRAN. I POINTED OUT THAT THE SHAH SEES QUITE CLEARLY WHAT HIS PROBLEMS WOULD BE SURROUNDED BY TRIUMPHANT ARAB COUNTRIES AND CONSEQUENTLY THAT HE WOULD DO NOTHING TO DISTURB ONGOING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE ISRAELIS. [] CONCEDED THAT HE HAD GOT THE SAME IMPRESSION FROM THE CHIEF OF SAVAK. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THE GREAT

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IMPORTANCE OF IRAN TO ISRAEL THESE DAYS.

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3. [] SPENT A FEW MOMENTS BEMOANING THE DISINTEGRATION (THIS MAY BE TOO STRONG A WORD I AM USING) OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THESE COUNTRIES TO SUBMIT TO BLACKMAIL OF ONE SORT AND ANOTHER. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF ITALY AND GREECE IN THEIR HANDLING OF THE TERRORIST PROBLEM. HE WAS BEMUSED BY THE FACT THAT THE RECENT HIJACKERS APPARENTLY DID NOT KNOW THAT THE GREEKS HAD ALREADY RELEASED THE TWO TERRORISTS WHOM THE HIJACKERS WERE TRYING TO FREE AND THAT THEY PRODUCED TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN AN EFFORT TO SATISFY THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD ALREADY PASSED ALONG [] THAT THE RECENT ROME AIRPORT EPISODE WAS MOUNTED FROM LIBYA AND WAS DESIGNED TO TRY TO GET KISSINGER.

4. [] NOTED THAT DURING THE OCTOBER WAR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD USED THE RELEASE OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TO AN EXTENT AND IN A MANNER WHICH IT HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE, I.E., TO INFLUENCE ISRAELI ACTIONS AND DECISIONS. HE SAID THAT THE USG WILLINGNESS TO ANSWER INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS, AND IN FACT NOT TO ANSWER THEM, APPEARED DESIGNED TO SUPPORT AMERICAN

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POLICIES AND ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL.

5. [] EMPHASIZED HOW LONELY THE ISRAELIS ARE FEELING THESE DAYS. IN ADDITION HE POINTED OUT THAT ISRAEL HAS NOTHING TO GAIN EITHER POLITICALLY OR MILITARILY BY FURTHER FIGHTING, SINCE ADDITIONAL ISRAELI MILITARY GAINS RUN THE RISK OF BRINGING IN THE RUSSIANS TO SAVE THEIR CLIENTS. THIS APPLIES TO BOTH THE EGYPTIAN AND THE SYRIAN FRONTS.

6. AFTER ~~REININ~~ POINTING OUT HOW GOOD SOVIET EQUIPMENT WAS IN THE OCTOBER WAR AND HOW REMARKABLY QUICKLY THE RUSSIANS HAD BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER THIS EQUIPMENT TO EGYPT AND SYRIA, [] INDICATED THAT MOSHE DAYAN'S RECENT TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES WAS IN PART DESIGNED TO CONVINCe AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT SOVIET MATERIEL WAS AS GOOD OR BETTER THAN AMERICAN, PARTICULARLY IN THE MISSILE FIELD.

7. WITH A TWINKLE IN HIS EYES, [] TOLD ME THAT THE SAVAK PEOPLE POLITELY AND IN LOW KEY INQUIRED OF HIM AS TO HOW WELL THE UNITED STATES HAD DONE IN SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT TO ISRAEL AND IN REPLACING LOSSES OF THE WAR. THE IMPLICATION CLEARLY IS THAT THE IRANIANS WONDER WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WILL BE

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