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TO

CITE TEHRAN [Redacted]

TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

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1. ON 10 DECEMBER, PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA ASKED AMBASSADOR HELMS WHETHER BREZHNEV IS HAVING INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS. HOVEYDA CITED A RECENT SUSLOV SPEECH IN LITHUANIA AND THE HANDLING OF IT IN THE MOSCOW PRESS AS AN EXAMPLE OF DISAGREEMENTS IN THE POLITBURO.

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2. [Redacted] IS PROVIDING THE AMBASSADOR WITH MATERIAL ON BREZHNEV CONTAINED IN EUROPEAN BRIEF #082 (DIRECTOR-[Redacted]) AND WITH A SPECIAL CONTROLLED SUMMARY WE WERE RECENTLY AUTHORIZED TO PASS TO THE SHAH.

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3. AMBASSADOR HELMS HAS ASKED THAT [Redacted] QUERY HQS TO ASK FOR ANY CURRENT ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNAL SOVIET POLITICAL SITUATION. IF NOT, DOES HQS HAVE ANY STUDY WHICH ADDRESSES THIS BREZHNEV-SUSLOV DISAGREEMENT? THANKS. E2, IMPDET.

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