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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3048  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 00784

CHRG: STATE 1-16-79  
APPRV: ICM: CWNAAS  
DRTD: FOI: JDSTEMPEL:  
CLEAR: POL: SBLAMERAY  
DISTR: POL-3 AMS ICM  
ECON-2 PM USIC  
OR SHIP TABE  
1ST CTRON/15

E.C. 12065: RDS-4 1-16-99 (STEMPEL, J.D.) OR-P  
TAGS: PINT, PORS  
SUBJECT: KHOMEINI RETURN TO IRAN POSTPONED

1. AMIR ENTEZAM, LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF IRAN (LMI) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER TELEPHONED POLOFF ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF AFTER SHAH'S PLANE LEFT TO INFORM EMBASSY AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI WILL NOT RPT NOT BE RETURNING TO IRAN "IN THE NEAR FUTURE." HE KEYED THIS DECISION TO POSSIBLE SECURITY PROBLEMS.

2. ABOVE REPRESENTS LMI'S BEST INFORMATION, BUT ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT A) TIME FRAME IS UNSPECIFIED, AND B) LMI IN RECENT DAYS HAS COOLED ON IDEA OF IMMEDIATE KHOMEINI RETURN. KHOMEINI'S PARIS ENTOURAGE MAY HAVE OTHER IDEAS WHICH COULD CHANGE KHOMEINI'S INTENTION ON SHORT NOTICE.

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