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1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. DCM CALLED ON ENTEZAM TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAN, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, ON OCTOBER 9. ENTEZAM'S WILLINGNESS TO DESCRIBE SPECIFIC CHANGES, SUCH AS NEW CABINET PERSONALITIES, HOWEVER, WAS CONSISTENTLY PUT ASIDE IN HIS DETERMINATION TO DISCUSS US-IRANIAN RELATIONS GENERALLY. HE LAMENTED AT LENGTH THE FAILURE OF U.S. TO TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS WHICH WOULD IMMEDIATELY IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS, STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF BAZARGAN AND THOSE AROUND HIM, LIKE ENTEZAM, WHO "DESPITE REBUFS FROM US" ARE STILL DETERMINEDLY PRO-WEST, AND BEGIN TO SOFTEN THE ANTI-U.S. RHETORIC OF AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI, "THE LEADER WITH WHOM YOU (THE US) MUST GET ALONG."

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3. IT WAS CLEAR AT AN EARLY POINT THAT ENTEZAM'S HEART AND MIND WERE NOT AND WOULD NOT BE FOCUSED ON DESCRIBING NEW CABINET MEMBERS. HE DID SAY THAT, LOOKED AT AS A WHOLE, CABINET CHANGES WOULD HARDLY AFFECT THE BASIC POLITICAL THRUST OF BAZARGAN GOVERNMENT OR DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAN. IF ANYTHING, NEW PERSONALITIES WOULD STRENGTHEN DETERMINATION TO CLEAN UP THE PAST AND GET ON WITH TASK OF CONVERTING IRAN IN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS INTO TRUE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC. SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY YADOLLAH SAHABI AND HIS SON, EZZATULLAH SAHABI, ARE CONSIDERED "VERY RELIGIOUS," AND HOPEFULLY, WILL HELP TO EASE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SECULAR FIGURES AND CLERICS.

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4. IN BRIEFEST TERMS, ENTEZAM RESPONDED TO NEW CABINET NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

- CHAMRAN - BRILLIANT ENGINEER, ABSOLUTELY DEDICATED RESISTANCE MOVEMENT LEADER. SPENT 15 YEARS IN US, WORKED ON SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAMS AT BELL LABORATORIES UNTIL US "KICKED HIM OUT" FOR HIS POLITICAL VIEWS. CHAMRAN WILL BE ONE OF GREATEST LEADERS OF REVOLUTION, DESPITE HARSH TREATMENT BY US, CHAMRAN WANTS TO MAINTAIN OPEN DOOR TO US. "IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR YOUR COUNTRY TO IGNORE CHAMRAN AND IRAN'S (DEFENSE) NEEDS."
- FORDUKAR - EXCELLENT LAWYER, ABOUT 50, WAS A LEADER OF THE IRANIAN NATION MOVEMENT.
- SEPAHBODI - MID-40'S, MEMBER OF FREEDOM PARTY "AS I AM." (ENTEZAM PROBABLY REFERRING HERE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF IRAN - LMI.)
- EZZATULLAH SAHABI - ENGINEER, GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN, ABOUT 52. RESISTANCE MOVEMENT MEMBER WITH ENTEZAM.
- BANJASSADI - EARLY 40'S GRADUATE OF US COLLEGE.
- HABIBI - FREEDOM PARTY MEMBER, RESIDENCE IN FRANCE, ABOUT 48.
- YADOLLAH SAHABI - ABOUT 74, "VERY RELIGIOUS," FATHER OF EZZATULLAH SAHABI.