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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/26/85 (GAST, GEN)

TAGS: PEPR, MASS, IR

SUBJECT: IRANIAN DESIRE TO SELL BACK F-14'S

1. (S- ENTIRE TEXT)
2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH FM YAZDI ON 22 AUGUST, CHARGE BROUGHT UP NEGOTIATIONS ON F-14, YAZDI SAID MATTER WOULD BE CONSIDERED FURTHER BY THE CABINET.
3. COL GHANIPOUR, 11AF, TOLD OUR F-14 EXPERT ON 25 AUG, THAT HE WAS TO BRIEF AYATOLLAH KHAMENIE, ASSIGNED TO MOND, NEXT WEDNESDAY ON RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE F-14. ACCORDING TO GHANIPOUR THE MATTER WILL BE RECONSIDERED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.
4. THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT CLERGY AND THE PGOI ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE SALE. SOME OF THE CLERGY AND MANY ELEMENTS OF THE 11AF WANT TO KEEP IT.
5. WE WILL INFORM YOU AS WE LEARN MORE.

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