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EOR: MR. GRANT GREEN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

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TO: President Reagan FROM: Ms. Nazenin Ansari

DATE: May 28, 1987 SUBJECT: Opposes characterization

of Iran as barbaric

REFERRAL DATED: June 8, 1987 ID# 493320

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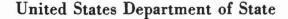
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Washington, D.C. 20520

June 21, 1987

Ms. Nazenin Ansari Representative Young Constitutional Monarchists of Iran P.O. 9403 Washington, DC 20016

Dear Ms. Ansari:

I've been asked to reply to your letter of May 28 in which you criticize President Reagan for his recent remarks about Iran. No one doubts the historic Persian contributions to world civilization, or the valuable role that Iranians can play in the future. President Reagan and many other American leaders have made it absolutely clear time and time again that they deplore the conflict between Iran and Iraq because of the tragic toll in lives the war has taken. It is this very concern with the people of the region, the people whose homes are being destroyed and whose futures are being wasted senselessly, that has so frustrated policy makers here. The President, Secretary Shultz, and many other American officials have devoted endless and exhausting hours to attempts to bring peace to the troubled Gulf region. It has been the subject of countless addresses, conferences, and an ongoing effort -- led by the United States -- in the United Nations Security Council.

The American concern for the people who are suffering so tragically in Iran -- a concern expressed constantly over the past many years by American government officials -- is well known to anyone who pays any attention to the U.S. media. I am quite frankly surprised at your misunderstanding of the government's efforts and policy, and hope that I have set the record straight.

Sincerely,

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 A.Peter Burleigh Director of Northern Gulf Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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JUNE 8, 1987

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

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FROM: MS. NAZENIN ANSARI REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHISTS OF IRAN POST OFFICE BOX 9403 WASHINGTON DC 20016

SUBJECT: OPPOSES CHARACTERIZATION OF IRAN AS BARBARIC

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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YOUNG CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHISTS OF IRAN P.O. BOX 9403, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 (202) 362-7088

May 28, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States of America The White House Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With all due respect, we have to protest your characterization of our country as barbaric.

As far as three thousand years ago, our ancient country, Iran, had excelled in the fields of public administration, political organization, and tolerance of race and creed. Moreover throughout history, Iran's intellectual influence in the spheres of religion, art, litterature, architecture, science, and philosophy fostered the evolution of world civilization.

While Iranian tumultuous history has been an amalgam of occupations, devastations, and periods of decadence, none has been as dark and brutal as the one which we are experiencing today under the barbaric tyranny of the Islamic Republic. Since the emergence of this mullahcracy, hundreds of thousands of people have been maimed, killed, or displaced in a senseless war, while tens of thousands have been executed, have disappeared, or have at least been tortured. In addition millions have sought refuge from the clerical brutality in foreign lands.

Hence rather than erroneously referring to the victimized Iranian nation as barbaric, it would be wiser and more to the point to characterize Khomeini's tyrannical Islamic Republic as such. Indeed if your conclusion had been phrased in this manner (as it must have been meant), we would only applaud it.

The important issue to consider is that in view of this conclusion, it was therefore imprudent to have prolonged the tyranny of these barbarians by providing them with arms and with the appearance of legitimacy as so-called moderates.

Very Respectfully Yours;

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Nazenin Ansari (Ms) Representative

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 04, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NASSER OLIA SHIRAZI

SUBJECT: PURSUANT TO HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON JUN 2 87, HE ENCLOSES COPY OF HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF DEC 10 86 REGARDING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS IRAN

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Nasser Olia Shirazi 1815 Buttonshell Newport Beach, CA 92660

JUN 18 1987

Dear Mr. Snirazi:

The White House has forwarded to me your letter of June 3. I read your letter with great interest and appreciate your thoughts but I wanted to comment on your observation that the "necessary steps" should be taken to overthrow the Government of Iran. Although the U.S. has many differences with the policies and behavior of Ayatollah Khomeini's regime, we believe that it is up to the Iranian people to decide upon the nature of their government. The U.S. has no intention of intervening in Iran's internal affairs.

Sincerely,

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A. Peter Burleigh Director Northern Gulf Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TRANSMITTAL FORM

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DATE June 18, 1987

EOR: MR. GRANT GREEN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

 TO:
 President Reagan
 The Honorable

 DATE:
 May 7, 1987
 SUBJECT: Pursuant to his telephone

 conversation on Jun 2 87, he encloses copy of his letter to the

President of Dec. 10 86 regarding U.S. Foreign Bolicy towards Iran. REFERRAL DATED: JUNE 10, 1987 (IF ANY)

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

- FROM: THE HONORABLE NASSER OLIA SHIRAZI 1815 BUTTONSHELL NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660
- SUBJECT: PURSUANT TO HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON JUN 2 87, HE ENCLOSES COPY OF HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF DEC 10 86 REGARDING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS IRAN

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1815 BUTTONSHELL NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 TEL: (714) 642-9624 June 3, 1987

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Office Director:

Pursuant to the telephone conversation with your office on June 2, 1987, I am enclosing a copy of the letter sent to the President of the United States on December 10, 1986.

In these extremely sensitive times that the U.S. foreign policy towards Iran with its strategic and geopolitical importance, will determine the course of peace in the middle east and for that matter the world, I sincerly hope that necessary steps will be taken in order for the millions of extremely unhappy Iranian people from within to have the means to overthrow the Khomeini's regime and his supporting Mullas. A regime that without any doubt is hated by all people, all nations and most importantly hated more and more on a daily basis by millions of Iranian people from within. The Khomeini's regime must be replaced as they are not only bringing destruction to the world but they are endangering the region's stability.

Indeed, this present regime is extremely unpredictable, hostile and barberian. In addition, it would be greatly appreciated if Mr. President would be able to clarify his public commments about the Iranian "people" being barbarians to the Iranian "government".

Sincerly, Nasser Olia Shirazi

Nasser Olia Shirazi

1815 BUTTONSHELL NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 TEL: (714) 642-9624

December 10, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan The President of the United States Washington, D.C. 20097

Dear Mr. President:

During this period of the so-called crisis pertaining to your foreign policy, personal credibility and public opinion regarding your handling of the Iranian affairs, I felt it an absolute must and my duty to write you this letter for your perusal.

It is with unlimited praise and gratitude that I would like to take this opportunity of commending you on your interview with the Media on November 18, 1986. Your administration's actions is well understood and it is the proper policy to take with the passing of Khomeni coming up. As you well know Iran is a tremendously important geopolitical region that if God forbid would fall in control of the wrong hands, may greatly endanger the entire world's political and economical balance. Unfortunately, the press is not grasping the importance of your attention and focus in this most delicate scenario and region.

The world and its history have always been in need of and are greatly indebted to such leaders as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson and for this decade Reagan for the United States of America, the leader of the free world, and to leaders such as Cyrus the great and the Pahlavis for Iran.

Allow me to extend my gratitude in praise of your remarks on "bringing Iran back into the community of responsible nations, as it once was" and to acknowledge that "there is great dissatisfaction among the Iranians in Iran."

In addition, for the millions of Iranian patriots blaming the disaster of 1979 on the US foreign policy of that time, there is new hope with your leadership, direction and attention with respect to the US foreign policy towards Iran. Being more than 25 years active in the public domain, a former member of the House of Parlement, Capital City Councilman, Director of 14 different and independent non-profit organizations including the hospital association for mothers with orphans, A member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries, the President of Textile Manufacturers and Wholesalers Association, I have been in constant touch with the public from all walks of life, including leaders in business, politics and religion. The bond, respect and the relationship between the Iranian people and I remains strong to the present day, both with people In and Out of Iran. Hence, with the aforementioned background and experience, I hope that you will accept my praises of your so very important decisions, attention and pertinent actions in your foreign policy towards establishing the path to a much needed change in the present regime.

Despite the media blitz and its resultant difficult and frustrating situation, I admire your sticking to your plans and decisions, as always.

Hoping that the changes in the political situation in Iran happen in the near future so that the good relations that prevailed between the two nations will be fully restored.

With great respect and admiration,

Best regards,

Nasser Olia Shirazi

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NOT TO PATRONIZE BUT HOWARD, YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE PRESIDENT TO SPEAKOUT ON THIS IRAN MATTER. THIS FELLOW NORTH IS NOT WORTH DEFENDING. HE HAS DAMAGED THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHTFUL PLACE IN HISTORY. WE RELY UPON YOU TO ADVISE HIM. WE ARE SUCH A FORGIVING NATION, BUT WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOU RECENTLY. SPEAK TO JOY AND SEE WHAT SHE THINKS. SINCE WE'VE BOTH BEN POLITICS FOR MANY YEARS I THINK YOU KNOW THAT I SPEAK THE TRUTH

JOHN V RUSSELL Former Mayor Ft Lauderdale

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July 14, 1987

FROM THE DESK OF

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LOIS PETERSEN

President Reagan White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Please examine the enclosed information, Israel Stonewalling Iran-Contra Committee.

People are asking why are we so demanding that Col. North and others 'come clean' and tell all, and allow ourselves to appear so subservient to the Israeli lobby?

Please respond.

Sincerely,

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Your Influence Counts . . . USE IT!

Special Report

Israel Stonewalling Iran-Contra Committee

By Jane Hunter

If the secret arms sales to Iran by the Reagan administration and Israel were ever revealed, according to testimony by Major General (ret.) Richard Secord, the first witness to come before the Congressional Select Committees investigating the Iran-contra aflair, it was understood that Israel would "take the hit." If there ever was such an agreement, however, Israel has not stuck to it. Despite mounting evidence of its paramount role as instigator of the scandal, the Israeli government claims, as it has from the first, that it only became involved in the "Iranian initiative," in response to a request from its friends in Washington.

Although Secord's veracity was in shreds after five weeks of hearings by the Select Committees, the idea that Israel had agreed to shoulder the blame if "the enterprise" was exposed is believable Even the bumblers who ran—and ultimately merged—the Iran "initiative" and the secret contra supply network might have safely predicted that the "hit" on Israel would have all the sting of a wet noodle.

Indeed, during the first phase of their hearings, the Select Committees have seemed to bend over backwards to spare Israel even that unpleasantness. Neither staff counsels nor legislators asked the questions that might have explained how Israel drew the Reagan administration into selling large quantities of arms to Iran, what role was played by Israel in the diversion of profits from those arms sales to the contras battling Nicaragua, and how Israel fit into the web of serving and retired US officials that ran both operations as a sort of parallel government.

Instead, where Israel is concerned, the practice of the Committees has appeared to be consistently at odds with their stated purpose: to tell the whole story of the Iran-contra affair to the people of the United States. Even more serious—if reality coincides with appearance—is the fact that although the Committees have heard prior testimony from all the main witnesses, they have painstakingly selected and programmed what the public will hear.

The Committees have also been totally silent about an ongoing standoff with the Israeli government over its sole contribution to the investigation, a written chronology and financial report delivered from Israel to the Israeli Embassy in Washington in late April. While the Israelis tried to negotiate veto power over publication of the contents, members of the Select Committees and their staffs were allowed to examine the documents and take notes, but not to photocopy them.

A week of repeated queries in early June to a Committee press officer failed to establish whether this situation had changed. (Other sources, including the Israeli Embassy, confirmed, however, that the documents are still held at the Embassy, under the same conditions.) By contrast, Senate Select Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-HI) regaled the home audience with frequent updates on the location and return of a misplaced \$10 million donated for use by the Nicaraguan contras by the Sultan of Brunei and deposited in the wrong Swiss bank account.

When asked whether Israel's role was being downplayed, the Committee press officer contended that the first phase of hearings was intended to focus on the secret network that supported the contras after Congress forbade official aid to them. He predicted there would be more attention given to Israel's role in the second phase, devoted to examining the Iran "initiative," in which Israel had played a greater role. Yet the press officer conceded that, given the involvement in the Iranian aspect of the affair of three of the main witnesses to appear in Phase One—Richard Secord, former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, and Secord's business partner Albert Hakim—the lines of demarcation between the phases had become "a bit blurred." Also blurred was Israel's part in some key events described by those witnesses. A week before the hearings began, Chairman Inouye told the Los Angeles Times that the Israeli documents had enabled congressional investigators to "fill up the few gaps that remained" in the diversion of Iran arms-sales profits to the contras. Questioning during the hearings, however, failed to establish whether the diversion which, by clearly breaking the law, launched the scandal—the channeling to the contras of super-profits from the Iran arms sales by "representatives of Israel," disclosed by Attorney General Edwin Meese last November 25—was another diversion altogether from that perpetrated by Gen. Secord and Albert Hakim, who banked and diverted Iran profits for both the contras and themselves.

Secord's testimony that Israeli arms dealer AI Schwimmer had agreed to the transfer to the contras of \$800,000 remaining after Iran had rejected a November 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles failed to spark the panelists' interest. Hakim's testimony that Manucher Ghorbanifar, the Iranian whom the Israelis sold to the Reagan administration as a well-connected intermediary, had been an agent of "the intelligence services of Israel" during the 1970s, was greeted with a yawn.

Neither staff counsels nor legislators have asked questions that might have explained how israel drew the Reagan administration into seiling large quantities of arms to Iran.

Likewise, in all the probing of arms sales to the contras, none of the witnesses were asked about the half-dozen or more shiploads of weapons sold by Israel. Some of those arms were purchased by Israel from Poland and shipped to the contras via Honduras with bills of lading stating they were made in Israel. Committee investigators are in possession of those documents.

Special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, who is investigating criminal wrongdoing in the affair, does not consider Israel's involvement to be an unrelated story. Walsh has been trying to obtain the testimony of key layer in non-tentra players in connection with criminal cases against US officials and citizens involved in the affair, and he has complained constantly about Israel's consistent refusal to cooperate with his investigation.

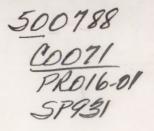
On May 21 Waish served former Israeli Foreign Winistry Director-General David Kimche with a subpoena to testify before a grand jury. Kimche had obtained the administration's go-ahead for Israel to sell US-made arms to Iran and Kimche had also vouched for Ghorbanifar. Israel threatened to cease its cooperation with the Congressional Select Committees altogether unless the subpoena was withdrawn. Federal District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. delayed deciding on Israel's motion to quash the subpoena, but allowed Kimche to depart for Israel.

On June 11, Robinson extended his delay. By that time Value had subpoenaed three other Israeli principals in the affair: Amiram Nir, Ya'acov Nimrodi, and Al Schwimmer. As a dual US-Israeli citizen, Schwimmer is subject to conviction in absentia if he does not appear before the grand jury.

Although the Israeli government has continued its vehement opposition to its citizens and even dual nationals being called to testify here, it may have begun to soften its position that it would not negotiate the release of its Irancontra documents to Walsh until the subpoenas were withdrawn. Israeli Embassy spokesman Ehud Gal said that Walsh's investigators have been permitted to view the sequestered documents.

Also, apparently to prevent its feud from Walsh from spilling over onto its smooth relations with the Congressional Select Committees, Israel has just given permission for congressional investigators to interview Maj. Gen. (reserves) Rafael Vardi, who assisted in compiling the Israeli documents on the affair. But Vardi will not be permitted testify under oath in public session.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

November 26, 1986

Don:

Watching the specials last night on TV, one thing struck me -- Sorenson, Scowcroft, Kissinger all said there is a need to give assurances to restore stability and to move ahead.

I recommend that we use the radio address to make those points -- not looking back, not talking about what happened, but talking about what's going to happen.

Larry

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November 10, 1986

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DENNIS THOMAS

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You posed the question "What should we have done differently?"

Up to the time the story leaked -- nothing. But since it has, we should at least brief the Hill Leadership. Everything being equal this would not be something we would do. But now we need to limit the damage -- the Hill will speculate, especially so if they are ill-informed or uninformed.

Given the intramural fighting by State, Defense, et al., I have to believe this story wil come out sooner or later. I hope it does not, but given the biggest problem since the Iranian leak has been leaks from our own people, I assume they will continue.

At least if briefing the Hill (especially Wright, Dole, Byrd and Michel) gives them the facts, there is a better chance of limiting the erroneous speculation and limiting the potential for even greater damage if Congressional hearings on this subject are held.

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June 2, 1987

Mr. S. Ali M. Gha'emi Chairman The Asian-American College Republican Alliance of Greater Washington P.O. Box 57114 Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mr. Gha'emi:

Your letter of May 7 to President Reagan has been directed to me, and I wanted to thank you for bringing your points to my attention. My office will keep them very much in mind as we continue to study the complicated question of the Iranian -American relationship.

Without addressing specific comments you make in your letter, I feel it necessary to note that freedoms we enjoy in the United States -- including the right of the press to be critical of American policy, and the right to own property -are not based on reciprocity with other countries. They are fundamental to our law and our way of life, and critics of our government's policies here have the same rights as those who support American policy. There is no reason for us to lower our standards to the Iranian model in this respect.

Sincerely,

A. Peter Burleigh Director of Northern Gulf Affairs



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May 7, 1987

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Hon. Ronald W. Reagan President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We have yet to have received any reply from your Office in regards to a matter which we addressed in a letter several weeks ago. This issue of concern to us is the on-going Khumaynist circus show across from the Islamic Center on Embassy Row which takes on as its enemies first and foremost, of course, "The Great Satan" as they call the U.S., and secondly "the bastard state of Israel" as they call our ally in the Middle East. This well-orchestrated campaign is fully financed by the agents of the Khumayni regime in the Washington, and their headquarters-besides their interests section in the Algerian Embassy--is their so-called "Islamic Education Center" on Montrose Road in Potomac, Maryland. This "Center" is owned by the "Mostazafan Foundation of New York" which has its headquarters right in Iran.

I am sure your Office is also aware of the five banks which the Khumayni regime operates in the US (Bank Melli Iran in NYC and San Francisco; Bank Saderat Iran in NYC and LA; and Bank Sepah in NYC). In addition, they are allowed to print their government-owned newspaper with offices in New York State (Kayhan, Inc., 50-11 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377/ Phone: 718/458-7777].

Why are these creatures allowed to do these things in our country? Does the U.S. have five bank branches in Iran? Is the U.S. government allowed to freely publish literature in Iran? Is not the principle of reciprocity relevant here?

We call for the immediate dismantling of all Khumaynist operations in the U.S., just as we support the closure of PLO offices in the U.S. To us, not only is there no difference between Khumayni and the PLO, but Khumayni is a far more dangerous man than Arafat.

Mr. President, your immediate attention is requested.

With best wishes,

S. Ali M. Gha'emi, Chairman



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WHAT PRESIDENT REAGAN OUGHT TO DO

Harry V. Jaffa

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Much of the controversy over the secret dealings with Iran and the Nicaraguan contras has dealt with the legality of the transactions. Most observers seem to contend that the Reagan Administration violated either statutes or the Constitution by its activities. Nationally respected author and scholar Harry Jaffa files a provocative dissent to this standard view. He argues that President Reagan should take full responsibility for the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan contras, and he should defend the diversion as both proper and necessary to fulfill his duties under the United States Constitution.

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"The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America... he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed..." Constitution of the United States, Article II, Sections 1, 3.

".. are all the laws but one to go unexecuted, and the government itself go to pieces, lest that one be violated?" President Abraham Lincoln, July 4, 1861.

President Reagan ought to end the present crisis — especially as it relates to the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters — by assuming full responsibility for what was done. Whether or not a breakdown of communication in the White House chain of command actually occurred or not, the President should say that those who acted in his name were in fact carrying out his policy. He ought moreover to claim that such an action was authorized by the doctrine of executive prerogative — implied in the constitutional concept "executive power" and in accordance with precedents established by Presidents John Adams, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, and Franklin D. Roosevelt (among others).

There is something of the theater of the absurd in the spectacle presented by the American political scene just now. Imagine: the entire government engaged in accusations and recriminations against those alleged to be guilty of aiding the war against Soviet expansion and subversion in the western hemisphere! The 99th Congress appropriated 100 million dollars for the Nicaraguan fighters — those carrying on a civil war against the Soviet sponsored Sandinista regime. For two years before this appropriation the Congress not only did not appropriate such funds, but forbade the application of federal funds to such use. Yet by appropriating the 100 millions now, our Congressmen and Senators have conceded that their former policy was mistaken. Once again, we are reminded of the debt we must owe to those who "hold the fort alone, till those who are half blind are half ready."

Certainly the President of the United States was entitled to make the judgment that during this two year period the security of the United States absolutely required the application of discretionary funds within his control to the assistance of these freedom fighters. If such was his judgment, then it was his constitutional prerogative to act upon it.

Let us consider past examples.

After the firing on Fort Sumpter, President Lincoln summoned 75,000 troops into federal service, he ordered the blockade of Southern ports, and he suspended the writ of *habeas corpus*. In the latter case, he refused to accept a writ issued by the Chief Justice of the United States. He

was, he said, bound in the discharge of his duty by his view of the Constitution, not the Chief Justice's. He did these things when Congress was out of session, so he summoned them into special session, and asked them to pass laws authorizing what he had already done. Lincoln denied violating any law, but even if he had, he said, his paramount duty was to preserve the government and the union. If the choice for him lay between allowing all the laws to fail, or one only, it was clearly his duty to prefer "all" to "one." A limb, he said, may be wisely sacrificed to save a life, but a life is never wisely sacrificed to save a limb.

Or consider yet another example. During the year between the fall of France, in June 1940, and the invasion of Russia by Hitler in June 1941, Churchill's Britain fought alone. Had Britain failed then, the British fleet would have fallen into Hitler's hands. With Russia still in alliance with Hitler's Germany, the aggregate of British, German, French, Italian and Japanese naval (and air) power would have overwhelmed that of the United States. With no land power challenging Hitler anywhere, the defense of the United States would have been impossible. Hitler could have landed an army on our east coast, and the Japanese could have landed one on our west coast. Or, as is more likely, they would together have first conquered Mexico and Canada, and used them as bases from which to attack us. Yet the Congress of the United States, like so many ostriches, shrank from any action that might threaten our "neutrality."

In this setting, President Roosevelt, by executive order, traded 50 "over age" destroyers for British bases in Newfoundland and the Bahamas. Without these destroyers the British could not have kept the life lines open to their island home, and could not have carried on the fight. Without these destroyers in British hands, the United States would soon have become indefensible. President Roosevelt, like Lincoln before him, knew that he could not keep ... bath of office, "to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States," unless he took action. Of course, he knew that he risked impeachment. But if Hitler won the war, what would that matter? So Lincoln also knew that he would be impeached, if the cause of the Union failed. But what would he care for that, if "government of the people, by the people, for the people," had perished from the earth?

President Reagan should take heart from his great predecessors. He should tell the American people that the safety of the United States cannot be assured, if another Soviet base is established in this hemisphere, on the very shoulders of the Panama Canal. He should tell them that the purpose of these Soviet bases is to immobilize the military power of the United States in the western hemisphere, whenever the USSR decides to attack Western Europe or the Middle East, or both together. For if the Soviet Union can conquer these two vital regions overseas — or perhaps either one of them — it would make the defense of the United States as impossible as it would have been had Hitler won the war in Europe in 1940 or 1941. It is the responsibility of

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the President to avert and avoid such catastrophes. It is his task to see such dangers from afar, and to prevent them if possible before they have grown great. He should boldly accept responsibility for what was done in his name, and declare it to have been within the purview of the executive power vested in him by the Constitution.

Let him invite those who disagree to move to have him impeached. I am confident that the American people would rise in their wrath against his detractors. Certainly, in re-electing him with the votes of 49 States out of 50, they authorized his judgment above all others as to what was indispensably necessary, to "preserve, protect, and defend" them from "rebellion or invasion."

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To the Editor:

In questioning Schultz, McFarlane, Poindexter, and North, most of the members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee seemed to regard them as men of intelligence, patriotism, integrity, and good intentions. The principal issue, apart from who was actually in command, was whether any laws were broken, and <u>whether the end justifies the means</u>. Apparently <u>Truman</u> thought so when he gave the order to drop those atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki - the worst single man-engineered destruction of human life in the history of mankind. Truman's rationale: it would stop the war and save more lives in the the long run. It wasta very secret mission. Congress could not have been informed. Evidently Truman thought those bombings, and all that the project entailed, was the lesser of two evils.

To expect the four men mentioned above, and any other Americans involved in the Iranian Affair, to "come clean", thus betraying their contacts, the Iranian moderates seeking a change of government, would be the surest way for us to lose the coning fidence of any nation wish to align itself with us.

Sincerely,

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