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FROM: NSJPE --CPJA
TO: NSJCM --CPJA
16:33:00 TO: NSJCM
SUBJECT: PUE MCFARIANE

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NOTE FROM: JOHN ECINLXTEE
SUBJECT: SPEUR
EQUIPMENT

I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR
YOU TO KEEP THE EQUIPMENT FOR AN

OTHER MONTH AND WE WILL WORK BY
IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.

THE HOSTAGE CIA
IS STILL WORKING AND IT CALLS
FOR THE HOSTAGES TO BE RELEASED
ON 9 FEB. GORNA ALSO CLAIMS THAT
KHOMENI WILL STEE DOWN ON 11 F
EB (DOUBTFUL). GORNA HAS ALSO
PROVIDED SOME USEFUL INFORMATION
REGARDING WHICH CIA IS
WORKING. GEORGE AND CAR STILL D
ISAGREES ON POLICY GROUNDS, BUT A
RE COOPERATING. BILL, ED WERESE,
DON REGAN AND I ARE FULLY ONSCA
OF THIS RISKY OPERATION, BUT
MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRESIDENT AND
WE ARE SOLID IN TAKING THE POSI
TION THAT WE HAVE TO TRY.

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We have been advised by the White House that the computer program developed by the Committees' experts succeeded in retrieving 96 ^{WH Contra for w/WH cooperation} ~~return~~

Prof notes, including duplicates, to or from Admiral Poindexter, Colonel North and Robert McFarlane that had been erased.

not previously available on backup tapes

made available for consult review by WH

The Prof Notes contain no information that would alter the Committees' conclusions or the facts described in the Report.

They do not refer to the diversion. In general, they confirm the optimism in early 1986, described in the Committees' report, that the hostages would be released. Among the most noteworthy of the PROF messages are the following:

- A January 21, 1986 PROF note from McFarlane to Poindexter expressing skepticism about the initiative, and concern that the "Israelis are, sucking us in on the arms transfer," a position to which McFarlane testified at the hearing.
- A February 1, 1986 PROF note from Poindexter to McFarlane reporting G's assertion that the Ayatollah Khomeini would step down, that the hostages would be released, and that the Secretaries of State and Defense "still disagree on policy grounds," that Director Casey, Attorney General Meese, Chief of Staff Regan and Poindexter are "fully aboard on the risky operation but most importantly President and VP are solid in taking the position that the we have to try." This confirms the testimony of Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger that the President was fully aware of the risk of the initiative but concluded to proceed. It is also the

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first evidence the committees found of the Vice President's position.] other views on VP available

- PROF notes between Poindexter and McFarlane in February 1986 discussing the expected release of the hostages, and the proposed meeting between McFarlane and the Iranians to discuss a more positive relationship.

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- A November 6, 1986 PROF Note from McFarlane to North, after the Iran initiative was exposed, stating "I hope to daylight that someone has been purging [certain intelligence reports] files on the episode".

Language well sources & methods

We believe that thorough investigation

The White House has also turned the notes over to the Independent Counsel. ~~The Committees intends to release them with the other pertinent documents as soon as they have been declassified.~~

as provided access to intell reports which were subject of this report.

Rational: not to provide curiosity regarding this comment

agree to strike reference to PROF note

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