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E. O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: CASC, IR, SZ (RABHAN, ERWIN DAVID)

SUBJECT: SPP TEHRAN: ARREST CASE OF ERWIN DAVID RABHAN

REF: BERN 6094

ACCORDING TO REFTEL, SPP TEHRAN INTENDED TO ASK FOR A NEW
JUDGEMENT ON THE RABHAN CASE IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND WAS
INFORMED BY THE IRANIANS THAT RABHAN COULD BE VISITED AT
THE END OF OCTOBER. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE POST'S
EFFORTS TO OBTAIN UPDATE ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS
CASE. SHULTZ

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E.O. 12350: N/A
TAGS: CASO, IR, SZ, RABHAN, ERWIN DAVID
SUBJ: SPP TEHRAN: FALSE REPORT OF DEATH OF AMOII PRISONER
IN IRAN: ERWIN DAVID RABHAN

REF: STATE 373305 AND PREVIOUS

1. CHIEF OF SWISS FOREIGN INTERESTS SECTION TELEPHONED
DECEMBER 22 TO INFORM US THAT SPP HAD THAT SAME MORNING
RECEIVED A FALSE REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN
PRISONER IN TEHRAN. DAVID RABHAN, CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN
INTERESTS SECTION, TEHRAN, RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS
TELEPHONE CALL MORNING OF DECEMBER 22 REPORTING THAT MR.
RABHAN HAD DIED IN PRISON. MR. SAXOD IMMEDIATELY WAS ABLE
TO RECEIVE AN APPOINTMENT AND MEET WITH MOHKTARI (SPP)
THE GOI/MFA SECTION CHIEF FOR PUBLIC APPEALS. MR. SAXOD
GAVE HIM A NOTE IN THE MATTER REQUESTING INFORMATION OF
THE REPORT OF DEATH. MOHKTARI WAS NOT AVAILABLE. THE
INFORMATION WITH THE ABOVE SUBJECT IS BEING PROVIDED TO
PRESENT BUT TELEPHONED SAAXOD OF THE INTERESTS SECTION
INTERESTS SECTION TO PLEASE THAT THIS REPORT WAS TOTALLY
FALSE.

2. THE EMBASSY IS PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT IN THE EVENT THAT THIS ANONYMOUS SOURCE SHOULD
ALSO TELEPHONE THE U.S.
WHITTLESEY

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 5, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER BURLEIGH

FROM: CRAIG P. COY *Craig*

SUBJECT: David Rabhan

Attached are copies of letters concerning David Rabhan that were sent to me by former President Carter. They are enclosed for your use as necessary.

Thanks for your help.

Attachment

R
MRS. MORRIS RABHAN
6401 HABERSHAM ST., 2-A
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31405

cc:
Craig Coy
NSC
White House
J.C.

Dear Jimmy,

I called, as David asked
me to but maybe you didn't get the
message.

These are the letters that
Phillip sent you and Jean typed
them for me so I am sending
you copies.

Thank you for all you are
doing to help David. May some
of it bear fruit.

Hope you and your family
are well.

Best wishes and regards,

James Rabhan

11/18/86

15 June 86 Evin Prison

Dear Mr. Saxod - Please send a copy of this to my Mother - You, sir, sent a message by Nasar instructing me to do nothing for the next two or three (2-3) months - that time is almost gone and I as usual do nothing (all day every day for almost (2) years now and so far nothing.)

Two weeks ago "they" took me to an office- I waited outside of the door for two (2) hours, then without going inside or being questioned and in a big rush, I was taken off to be finger printed (for the fourth (4th) time) then returned to my quarters, rushed to collect my clothes, searched (all in a very big rush) put in a car blind folded, and with my head between my knees I was driven about 20 meters, parked in a parking lot (head still down) for one (1) hour, then, they backed the car back to my quarters - I was told to get out - carried everything back in, and since then, 'til now, nothing. There have been other tricks like that - all torture is not physical !!! I am well now but unhappy and glad you are not here with me - what a place and places. Still no word as to why I am here. For the last month the food has become less & less and worst (I didn't think it would be possible (all is possible here except my freedom!))

I think Nasar will be sent to another jail (at Karaj) It will then be more difficult to get word out of here. I'm sure I'll find away though. I know I did something very unusual when I was in solitary confinement - I sent a message to Linda, and I got an answer back - at the time I was not sure of the answer or that it was real, but I now know it was. One of the guards had his girlfriend call Linda. Linda though it was a trick (I do not blame her for this thinking) and would not receive the letter or give an answer - the letter was in English so the woman could not read it to Linda - Linda thought it was someone from the court trying to trick her. The guard nor the girlfriend could speak or read English. I don't think anyone has been able to get a message out of and back into that place. They brag about security in that & this place.

I have gained some of my weight back now and my color is no longer pale gray. My two (2) toenails have grown back but now they look as though they will fall off again. There is another American (USA) in jail now - He is at the Foreign Ministry's jail out by the race track- my old hangout - now they tell me the dungeons have been painted carpets put on the floor (wall to wall) beds with coffee tables are now there, all the food one can eat, nuts and fruit twice a week and a shower every day. Coolers have been installed. Everyone thinks it is a show jail now. I lost twenty kg. (44 lbs.) in that jail. The American's name is Robert Yetz, and I understand he has been there for more than eight months. He should be coming here soon-

Iran's TV and newspapers are talking about human rights again. - I guess they don't consider me human - by now I'm about sure they're right. Three weeks ago the newspaper ETLAT wrote Iran loses 150 million dollars each year (sends dollars out) for baby food- my projects, the three plants, would save Iran, based on those figures, 48 million dollar each year- they're not working and I'm still in jail (for reasons unknown to me) and no end insight. Anyway, I

(over)

know I'm right (I'm the rightest man in these jails!!)

Last nite the newspaper wrote about religious freedom being denied muslims in the West but not one word about the Baha'i that are here in jail and "they" are still killing them - last month "they" took Col. Vandot out and shot him. I have now been three (3) years with those people (Bahai) it's a shame what they are doing to these folks. I am really tired of all of this. I've seen and felt enough (for the time being) I'm tired of this food (?) handcuffs, blindfolds (almost can't see without them! Besides, there isn't anything new "they" can do to me ("they" have done all of the tricks...I hope!) The dirt, lies, crowded conditions, the total lack of news of my loved ones and the not knowing and how long and why, to mention just a few reasons. Time, space and the law does not allow my mentioning all.

My health now is excellent. I feel good, I weigh 66 kg (145 lbs.) my blood pressure is 128/8 - chlo & triglic are normal - no excess sugar in blood or urine. Two (2) days ago they let me go to the clinic.

I hope this finds all well also. The thought of wasting these healthy years drives me crazy (crazier) I am sure by now that you, Mother, are well settled and pleased with your apartment and that Zippie & Manchamen are still happy with each other and are enjoying their two (2) beautiful little girls, that Bebe^{are} are continuing their loving relationship and by now little Uncle Leon is driving, flying, smoking big cigars, has written two (2) books on the care and raising of parents and will soon celebrate her third (3rd) birthday, and of course can have what's left of my wine. And while I'm on that subject-yesterday three of us drank the wine that I made. I would rather make it and drink alone in here - Nasar keep saying all afternoon "I feel numbness" and Monsuer, after too much talk fell asleep and slept the entire afternoon (4 hours) Each of us had 350 cc's I sipped mine, theirs went in three (3) gulps - as for Harvey & Linda (its not that I do not know (remember), I'll speak to remembering some other time) their last name, it's just probably my way of punishing them for not asking me if they could marry- I always thought

I must stop now, the mail man was just call to go - I love you all-

Today is 1 July 86 the mailman did not leave

24 May/36

Dear Mr. Saxod,

Thank you for all that you sent in. I know it was alot of trouble for you and you had a very short time to fill my "shopping list." Everything was received. Nasar of course had much trouble getting it here. He really had a time of it. I do not know how you managed it all in 1/2 day. Good work and many thanks!!! The shoes and books are great - first shoes in 20 months- as for the food - what to say. I lost 15kg in solitary confinement - by the way I was there 8 months this time (I now have 27 months in solitary.) So far I have not been asked a single question and as of now I do not know why I am here. The investigator, Jeddie, told you that my verdict said no jail. I heard him say so, and I signed my verdict it said no jail - But I'm still here (as you know). Maybe they can't read!! (Most can't.)

I wrote a long letter to Hyatociat Montazeri a few days ago and gave it to his brother-in-law. I await the results (if any)- would you be so kind as to make a copy of this and send it to my mother. I do not know the address, but Linda does. My health is good except for a very bad cold and the dirt. (28 men sleep in this room 4x6 meters.) We do have toilets. two (2) as a matter of fact - for 84 men - but we have 3 faucets - I'm sure in the future they will install hot water, if its ever invented!

I have some news for you!! Jeddie, the man you met at my visit (the investigator) is now in solitary confinement and has been for the past four (4) months. I helped put him there by a letter I wrote seven (7) months ago. (But so far no help to me) Jeddie told you ^{you} could visit me and bring food, money, books, etc. What happened? It's been one (1) year since then.

The man that sealed my house is now in jail (he is here and told me he sealed it) I hope by now Linda has sold everything. She was in the house when he (Saffie) was there. She has the power of attorney to sell everything - I hope she did. If not, ask her to do so or she can transfer the power to you and you can do it - it will ruin there.

How is my family? My Mother and children and their children, Phillips Hamilton? I know you cannot answer me now but the next person I send to you, you can give them a note on plain paper & unsigned if you will.

I have had no physical torture this time, but not knowing about my family is also torture and so is not knowing how long how long all of this will go on. The newspapers and TV are full of reports of violations of human rights in Israel, Irag, the USA, etc. and "they" say how bad it is, but it seems to be ok if "they" do it. (Sorry for my soap box) I'm sure you have done all in your power to help me and I thank you.

Would you please give some money to Nasar's brother for me? Nasar buys everything for me. I am real fortunate that he is here with me.

Please forgive the way this is written but the conditions that I write under leave quite abit to be desired.

I do not ask forgiveness for spelling I think that's a gene abnormality-My love to my Mother, children and grandchildren and Phillips - Do you remember Jeddie's comment about Pres. Carter? They "talk" to me about him every day - Mother call Jimmy and give him my regards - I have much to tell him - Love to all - Thanks again.

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