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FM HOUSTON (185-58)
TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE
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ATTN: [redacted]

EBRAHIM YAZDI; FCI-IRAN; PFO; OO: HOUSTON.

REBUTELCALL FEB. 21, 1979, OF FBIHQ SUPERVISOR [redacted]

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REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL ADVISED OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS) INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF FBI ACTION IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGED THREATENING CALLS RECEIVED BY FAMILY OF SUBJECT, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF IRAN. (U)

ON FEB. 20, 1979, HOUSTON ATTORNEY HARRELL TILLMAN, 3815 MONTROSE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, VISITED HOUSTON FBI TO REPORT THAT FAMILY OF CAPTIONED SUBJECT, NEW DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF IRAN, HAD RECEIVED THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS. TILLMAN CLAIMED HE HAS REPRESENTED THE YAZDI FAMILY FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS

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AND, IN ADDITION, HAS REPRESENTED THE AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI "PEOPLE" IN HOUSTON FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME ON UNSPECIFIED MATTERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

TILLMAN ADVISED HE REPORTED THE THREATENING CALLS TO HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT (HOPD) CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION (CID) ON FEB. 19, 1979. YAZDI'S PRESENT RESIDENCE, HE ADVISED, IS _____ TEXAS, TELEPHONE

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SUBSEQUENT TO TILLMAN'S COMPLAINT BUT IN THE A.M. OF FEB. 20, _____ REPRESENTATIVE _____ ADVISED HIS OFFICE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY A NEIGHBOR OF YAZDI FAMILY, A (FNU) _____, THAT _____ HAD LEARNED (PRESUMABLY FROM _____, SOME ONE IN THE FAMILY, OR PERHAPS THE HOPD) THAT THE FAMILY HAD RECEIVED THREATENING CALLS. _____ WAS CONCERNED FOR THEIR, AND HIS, SAFETY. WE ASSUME THAT _____ HOME/PROPERTY IS ADJACENT TO THE YAZDI RESIDENCE AND HE FEARS RETALIATION ON YAZDI FAMILY COULD AFFECT HIS SECURITY. _____ ADVISED THEIR INTERESTS ARE IN OBTAINING ASSESSMENT DATA ON YAZDI AND, IN THAT REGARD, PLAN TO CONTACT NEIGHBOR _____ AND

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IN P.M. OF FEB. 21, 1979, CAPTAIN (FNU) [REDACTED], HOPD, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HOUSTON FBI THAT USDS OFFICE OF SECURITY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIS OFFICE REGARDING THREATS ON YAZDI FAMILY. [REDACTED] WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT ACTION THE FBI HAD TAKEN, WAS TAKING OR WOULD TAKE. HE WAS ADVISED WE HAD RECEIVED ONE COMPLAINT AT OUR OFFICE, ONE COMPLAINT THROUGH LOCAL [REDACTED] REPRESENTATIVES AND A CALL FROM OUR HEADQUARTERS; HOWEVER, AS OF THAT TIME NO CONTACT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BY US WITH THE FAMILY OR EITHER OF THE TWO COMPLAINANTS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[REDACTED] INDICATED USDS HAD EITHER REQUESTED OR WAS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF HOPD PROTECTION FOR THE FAMILY.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THE FAMILY HAD NOT, REPEAT HAD NOT, REQUESTED HOPD PROTECTION. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED THAT HOUSTON FBI HAD INITIATED PRELIMINARY INQUIRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER YAZDI, IN VIEW OF HIS PRESENT POSITION AS AN OFFICIAL OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN (MARCH 19, 1971, CERTIFICATE NUMBER 9431878 AT HOUSTON, TEXAS) AND HIS PRESENCE IN IRAN, WOULD QUALIFY HIS FAMILY FOR PROTECTION

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UNDER EXISTING FEDERAL STATUTES. [] WAS ADVISED MATTER
 WOULD BE ADDRESSED ON FEB. 22 WITH FBIHQ AND HE WOULD BE
 FURNISHED WITH THE RESULTS OF SUCH CONTACTS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 AND USDS WHETHER YAZDI AND FAMILY FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF
 EXISTING PFO STATUTES, CONSIDERING FACT YAZDI IS A U.S.
 CITIZEN WHO IS CURRENTLY REPORTED TO BE AN OFFICIAL OF A
 FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL
 RECOGNITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

AT THIS TIME HOUSTON IS LIMITING INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY
 REGARDING THIS MATTER TO CONTACTING LOCAL IMMIGRATION AND
 NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS) TO DETERMINE CITIZENSHIP STATUS
 OF [] AND FAMILY, UACB. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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