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SECRET. SHARING OF THIS DOCUMENT OUTSIDE THE MANDATE OF
YOUR CLASSIFICATION CAN AND WILL RESULT IN PROSECUTION FOR
TREASON.

TO ALL PORTFOLIO MEMBERS, THE FOLLOWING CABLE IS FROM
THE PRESIDENT AND IS FOR YOUR EYES ONLY.

TO MY COMPATRIOTS

I MUST REQUEST YOUR COUNCIL IN THIS GRAVE AND UNPRECEDENTED HOUR.

AS OF 2300 HOURS THE STUDENTS CALLING THEMSELVES "THE ISLAMIC STUDENT FOLLOWERS OF THE IMAM'S POLICIES" FORCEFULLY OCCUPIED THE U.S EMBASSY COMPOUND IN TEHRAN. APPROXIMATELY 60 AMERICAN CITIZENS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF IRANIAN EMPLOYEES AND CITIZENS WERE PRESENT WITHIN THE COMPOUND. THE NATURE OF THEIR OCCUPATION SEEMED VIOLENT AND THEIR INTENT UNKNOWN. WE HAVE LOST ALL COMMUNICATION WITH THE EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY. I HEREBY SUMMON A MEETING OF OUR NATIONAL ADVISORS AND REQUEST THE FOLLOWING TO MAKE STATEMENTS AND OPENING RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT IS REQUESTED OF THEM HEREAFTER.

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL; SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, SHOULD THIS MATTER BE MADE A PUBLIC AFFAIR?
2. DIRECTOR FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, WHAT RAMIFICATIONS CAN THE WHITE HOUSE FACE FOR THE PUBLICISING OF THIS SITUATION?
3. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.N, SHOULD THIS MATTER BE TAKEN TO THE U.N?
4. SECRETARY OF STATE, WHAT RESPONSES DO WE EXPECT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL, IF THIS BECOMES PUBLIC?

I MUST REQUEST YOU TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS PREDICAMENT WE FIND OURSELVES IN. THE EVENTUALITY OF THIS ESCALATING MUST REMAIN LOW, BUT IT MUST BE KNOWN THAT WE THE UNITED STATES OF THIS AMERICA WILL DO ALL WE MUST TO PROTECT OUR LIBERAL ETHOS ON THE ALTAR OF FREEDOM.

THE PRESIDENT



JIMMY CARTER

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