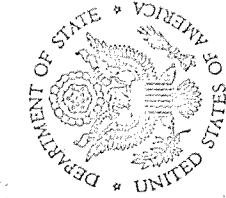


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IN VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GULF WHICH CAN HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON: (A) IRAN'S RELATIONS WITH SHEIKHDOMS (AND HENCE POSSIBILITY OF IRAN-MODERATE ARAB COOPERATION); (B) OUR OWN AND OTHER VITAL FREE WORLD INTERESTS THERE, BELIEVE IT OPPORTUNE TO GIVE YOU ESTIMATE OF SITUATION AS SEEN FROM TEHRAN AT THIS VERY CRITICAL TIME:

1. QUALIFIED OBSERVERS HERE (IRANIAN AND FOREIGN) AGREE THAT WHEN BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM GULF NEXT YEAR THERE WILL BE VACUUM ON ARAB SIDE OF GULF WHICH RADICAL ARAB FORCES WITH SOVIET ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT WILL SEEK TO FILL. THERE IS ALSO AGREEMENT THAT FUTURE PEACE AND STABILITY ON ARAB SIDE OF GULF AND ULTIMATE SURVIVAL OF A NUMBER OF MODERATE ARAB REGIMES THERE WOULD SEEM TO DEPEND LARGELY ON TWO INTER-DEPENDENT FACTORS: (A) IRAN, WHICH ALONE CAN CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING REALLY MEANINGFUL IN TERMS OF POSITIVE MILITARY AND OTHER STRENGTH; AND (B) COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN AND MODERATE

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