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TO: IMMEDIATE TEHRAN.

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FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM GEORGE BUSH

DICK,

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY HELPFUL TELEGRAM. I HAVE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT I WILL NOT GIVE OUT THE NAMES OF JOURNALISTS OR ANYBODY ELSE AND I WILL NOT RELEASE NAMES OF NEWS ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COOPERATED IN THE PAST. I FEEL FIRMLY ABOUT THIS FOR THE REASONS THAT YOUR TELEGRAM SUCCINCTLY SPELLED OUT. THINGS ARE A LITTLE ROUGH WITH THE PRESS AT THIS POINT, BUT SO FAR ITS MANAGEABLE.

2. I WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE NEWS FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY. HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE BUSH.

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