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TO: TEHRAN.

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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM DIRECTOR BUSH

1. THANK YOU FOR THE CABLE ON THE RESEARCH STUDY, "ELITES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER IN IRAN." AS YOU MAY WELL UNDERSTAND, I DID NOT READ IT UNTIL YOU BROUGHT IT TO MY ATTENTION; AFTER DOING SO, I THOUGHT IT PROVIDED A RATHER COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT. NEVERTHELESS, I CAN WELL UNDERSTAND THE SENSITIVITY.

2. ALTHOUGH NONE OF OUR CLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF OUR PUBLICATIONS, I AM BEGINNING TO LEARN THAT WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT SUCH A THING MIGHT HAPPEN. WE CAN TAKE THIS POSSIBILITY INTO ACCOUNT IF IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF THE CHOICE OF WORDS, THOUGH I AM SURE YOU WOULD NOT HAVE US ALTER THE THRUST OF A PAPER TO AVOID OFFENDING THE FOREIGNERS INVOLVED.

3. I APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING THIS MATTER AND I HAVE ASKED THE AUTHORS OF THIS PAPER AS WELL AS THE SUPERVISORS OF SIMILAR PAPERS PREPARED IN FUTURE TO AVOID THE UNNECESSARY USE OF PERJORATIVE WORDS.

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