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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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September 15, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: BRUCE RIEDEL *BR*

FROM: KEN POLLACK *KP*

SUBJECT: Iranian Response on al-Khobar

We have prepared a memo for the President regarding the Iranian response to our letter to Khatemi regarding al-Khobar.

The memo outlines the Iranian denial and the fact that the language makes clear that it was the product of the entire Iranian leadership, rather than just Khatemi. The memo also raises the question of how next to proceed on Khobar. If the Iranians make good on their threats to release the text of our letter we are going to face intense pressure to take action.

Concurrence by: Steve Simon *SS/S*

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the attached memorandum to the President.

Attachments

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Iranian Response
- Tab B U.S. Message to President Khatemi
- Tab C Al-Watan Article

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