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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. BACKGROUND ON THE TWO IRAN OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS INTERLOCUTORS BY HASHMI. RESULTS OF THESE QUERIES FROM US HAVE YIELDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH WE CONSIDER AUTHORITATIVE.

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4. The second name supplied by Hashemi Manochehr Gorbaneifar, is well-known to the USG as a talented fabricator. He is the ostensible MFA official described by Hashemi as a ranking intelligence officer.

5. Hashemi has been told by the USG this weekend that we are prepared to recommend [ ] but not Gorbaneifar. If that is not agreeable to the Iranians, and they insist that Gorbaneifar participate in the meeting [ ] we will agree. But we will not agree to a Gorbaneifar meeting first, to be followed by a meeting with both Iranians (as proposed by them. See State 206377).

6. As soon as we hear whether this approach is acceptable to the Iranians, we will be back in touch [ ].