September 15, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: BRUCE RIEDEL

FROM: KEN POLLACK

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

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