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CH to D Residence 0900 to discuss the problem

Failed treaty with D

I understood recently that this effort to deal with Iran has been something the most admirable goals: the humanitarian need to get the hostages out, and the strategically important aim of bringing Iran back to a pro-West position.

But it has not worked, and it has been continually demonstrated. And I wish to offer a warning. It was based entirely on the requirement of secrecy and that has disappeared.

On the second front:

The exposure of this deal has revealed that major aspects of your foreign policy, you have constructed over 6 years have been gravely damaged. If we do not act now, some of your achievements will endure. And the morale and structure of your Administration could start to collapse. Here's why:

The cornerstone of our counter-terrorism policy was set by your dealing with terrorists. Now we have fallen into the trap. We have voluntarily made ourselves the victims of the terrorist extortion racket. We have spawned a hostage-taking industry. Every principle that you praised in Ben Nighthawks' book has been dealt a terrible blow by what we have done.

We have assaulsted our own Middle East policy. The Arabs count on us to play a strong and responsible role to contain and eventually bring the Gulf war
TOP SECRET to an end. Now we are seen to be aiding the anti-radical forces in the region. We have directed directly counter to our own major effort to shunt the war by denying the weapons needed to continue it and other moderate deals.

We accept, as we have done previously, some of the actions we are discussing. And so our hopes that we do not have foundation in the alliance. We are going proceed with what we have implemented. There is not yet to do.

- - We appear to have violated our own laws. Certainly we have committed ourselves in the eyes of the law. As this moment, these are Israeli and others criticized in US criminal courts for doing what the USG is now revealed itself to be doing.

- - Our credibility is shot. We have taken refuge in the terminology of language to avoid scrutiny. The reality that we have lied to the American people and to our friends already. We are revealed to have been dealing with some of the most significant international characters around. They have played us in Beersheba. There is a Waltz state-like atmosphere around here. The WH staff on the ground of secrecy, deception, self-deluding, and vindictive. Recent.

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