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MEMORANDUM TO MAJOR GENERAL VAUGHT

Subject: Background Option Papers

Attached for your consideration are a series of short background/
option papers on the following subjects:

- a. Hostage Location Assessment
- b. Ross Perot Considerations
- c. Interim Non-Violent Options
- d. Prospective Timing Considerations
- e. Infiltration Possibilities
- f. Closure Options
- g. Extraction Considerations

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INTERIM NON-VIOLENT OPTIONS

1. Intiation of rumor campaign that some hostages have been killed, kidnaped by dissident elements, escaped with the help of Royalists. U.S. could call for accountability by IRC.
2. Overflight leaflet drop stating case for release of hostages and restatement of U.S. military capability and examples of the restraint that have been applied to date.
3. Interdiction of Tehran power grid by use of carbon filament chaff drop (this could be accomplished in conjunction with above or separately).
4. Supersonic overflight by SR 71 accompanied by detonation of photo flash bombs over selected Iranian military, government, and Industrial facilities.
- (A) 5. Periodic semi-overt probe of Iranian air space

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