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Met with President Shultz, Dan Ragan, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
10-11-73 Ford, <sup>John</sup> ~~John~~ <sup>McMeekin</sup> ~~McMeekin~~ - in  
Wagoner's residence or east (end of  
corridor sitting room) -

Re 2 SE Iran proposal -

President wants to free hostages.

Prime & Hawks & Tories would

not go to "Produce Element -

any" & would help overturn

Iranian Govt. Large Majority

That we have an embargo

That makes arms sales to Iran

illegal & President's concern is water

it. & That "washing" transaction

than Israel would be more or legal

Shultz, Dan Ragan agreed.

President said he could answer

charges of illegality but he

couldn't answer charge that

"his story President Reagan placed up

& blame to free hostages".

France President looks to do in more 1. order

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Met with President, Shultz, Don Regan, John McMahon, Mc F-  
Farlane, John Poindexter - in  
10 - 11<sup>55</sup> a upstairs residence of WH (end of  
corridor sitting room) -  
re NSC Iran proposal -  
President wants to free hostages -  
Thinks a Hawks + TOWs would  
only go to "Moderate Elements in  
Army" + would help overthrow  
Iranian gov't. I argued strongly  
that we have an Embargo  
that Makes Arms Sales to Iran  
illegal + President couldn't violate  
it + that "washing" transaction  
thru Israel wouldn't make it legal -  
Shultz, Don Regan agreed.  
President sd. he could answer  
charges of illegality but he  
couldn't answer charge that  
"big strong President Reagan passed up  
a chance to free hostages".  
~~Preside~~ President left to do his noon radio