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In summary, based on the intelligence at my disposal. I believe that we should continue to maintain the Chorbanifar contact and consider what we may be prepared to do to meet in image minimum requirement; that would lead to release of the rest of the hostages. Although I am not pleased by segmented releases of the American hostages. I am convinced that this may be the only way to proceed, given the delicate factional balance in Iran. I also see resolution of the hostage issue as potentially leading to contacts with moderate factions in Iran that we may be able to deal with in the longer term.

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