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TO PRIORITY FCO

TELNO 142 OF 8 APRIL 1980.,

INFO PRIORITY TEHRAN.

SAVING TO AMMAN, DAMASCUS, KUWAIT, JEDDA, AND WASHINGTON.

MY TEL NO 136: IRAQ/IRAN.

1. WE HAVE HAD RELIABLE REPORTS THAT IRAQIS OF IRANIAN ORIGIN ARE BEING ROUNDED UP IN BAGHDAD IN LARGE NUMBERS AND ARE BEING REMOVED IN LORRIES, PRESUMABLY TO THE IRANIAN BORDER.
2. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THESE DEPORTATIONS ARE PROCEEDING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY FROM KERBELA AND NAJAF. ONE DEPORTED FAMILY'S ONLY CONNECTION WITH IRAN WAS THEIR GRAND-FATHER, WHO SETTLED HERE MORE THAN 80 YEARS AGO. THIS IS APPARENTLY NOT (NOT) AN ISOLATED INSTANCE AND MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE MAY BE AFFECTED.
3. THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO PUBLIC REFERENCE HERE TO THESE EXPULSIONS, BUT THE PRESS OF 8 APRIL REPORTED THAT 120 MEMBERS OF THE IRAQI COMMUNITY IN TEHRAN HAD BEEN DEPORTED AND HAD ACCUSED THE IRANIANS OF TREATING THEM INHUMANLY.
4. FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO AMMAN, DAMASCUS, KUWAIT, JEDDA, AND WASHINGTON.

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