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 TELEGRAM NUMBER 4397 OF 28 DECEMBER, 1979,
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IRAN: MY TELNO 4376.

1. VANCE ASKED ME TO CALL THIS EVENING, MAINLY TO TALK ABOUT AFGHANISTAN, WHICH I AM REPORTING SEPARATELY.

2. ON IRAN HE SAID THAT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS THE PRESIDENT HAD DECIDED TO GO FOR U N SANCTIONS IN TWO STEPS. THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO TRY TO GET A RESOLUTION TOMORROW OR ON MONDAY 31 DECEMBER WHICH WOULD HAVE 5 OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS, DEPLORING THE HOSTAGE TAKING, CALLING FOR THEIR RELEASE, RECONFIRMING THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S GOOD OFFICES AND CALLING FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES BY A CERTAIN DATE. THE 5TH PARAGRAPH WOULD CALL FOR SANCTIONS UNDER SECTIONS 39 AND 41 (TO BE SPELT OUT IN A LATER RESOLUTION) IF THE HOSTAGES WERE NOT RELEASED BY THAT DATE. VANCE SAID THAT THEY WERE THINKING OF AN INTERVAL OF ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE GOING FOR THE SECOND RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SPECIFIC SANCTIONS. THIS SEEMS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH...

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3. VANCE SAID THAT THIS WOULD GIVE US QUOTE SEVERAL DAYS UNQUOTE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES ON THE BROADER SECOND RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SPECIFIC SANCTIONS. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH YOU ON THE TELEPHONE. HE WOULD BE GOING TO NEW YORK THIS EVENING AND HOPED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO BE ABLE TO IRON OUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US ON THE SECOND RESOLUTION WITH SIR A PARSONS OR PERHAPS WITH LORD BRIDGES IF HE CAME OUT FROM LONDON.

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