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TO: The Acting Secretary
P - Mr. Newsom

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Iran Update - May 6Today's Objectives

- To return the bodies to the U.S.
- To decide on strategy.
- To assess, if information is available, how we should handle the invitations to the NAM/Islamic Conference/European Parliament/EC-9 from Bani-Sadr to come to Iran.

Status of Initiatives

-- When British Ambassador Graham telephoned Bani-Sadr's office about the Iranian Embassy incident, Sanjahi's reaction was absolutely deadpan. Subsequently, Bani-Sadr sent Mrs. Thatcher a one sentence message expressing gratitude for the British perseverance and competence of the British police in saving lives. When Graham telephoned the Foreign Ministry's duty officer, he got an elated response.

-- We continue to get reports that the hostages are in fact dispersed throughout Iran. A report from Ambassador Lang in this connection is attached.

-- You may be interested in the policy planning document given to us by Lord Carrington's party. It is remarkably similar in content and direction to the paper we prepared last week.

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