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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI

SUBJECT : Changes in Iran Task Force Paper

Aside from drafting changes to Paragraph II, 4 a and b, there are two substantive changes reflected in the attached Draft Record of Action as compared with the Task Force Paper.

1. The Task Force Paper in Paragraph II, 3 recommended "that the US seek to forestall any military coup against the Amini regime." The revised version states that the US "should not favor" any military coup.

2. Regarding Paragraph III, 11, in the Draft Record of Action, the first sentence is substantially the same as the III, 11 in the Task Force Paper except that the military plans to be developed are now called "illustrative." The second sentence did not appear in the Task Force Paper at all. It probably resulted from the JCS memo to the Secretary of Defense which you saw last week. As you will recall this memo pointed out that old III, 11 might be construed as a major revision of current military policy, because the present contingency plan for Iran is based in part on the assumption that if US forces become overtly engaged with the armed forces of the USSR, general war will exist.

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