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We have rechecked sources mentioned CONTEL 38 almost daily (except Savak chief). They repeat report and say waiting for orders to Khorramshahr Port Director. All sources quote their Tehran principals. Director Customs said yesterday he and Port Director will "no longer insist: on use Iranian Flag.

Azari says important meeting Foreign Office this subject yesterday.

Meanwhile Jochem General Refinery manager received Thursday from Berlin General Managing Director consortium Tehran telegram saying dispute re flags completely settled. Khorramshahr Port Authorities have temporarily agreed cargo ships bound Khorramshahr will fly Iraqi flag as far as Braimn Creek when Iranian flag will be raised and tankers bound Abadan to fly Iraqi flag as far as Baward area then Iranian. Berlin did not give source information.

Comment: Embassy may be able clarify but from here appears Tehran says agents have received official notification cancellation earlier blacklisting tankers. PANINTOIL 20 departed Khosroabad for Gulf 0900 local 14 PANINTOIL 21 expected Khosroabad night of 14th. Both escorted by one PC. No incidents reported. PANINTOIL 22 still Khosroabad with fouled screw. Next LSM to Khosroabad about six days hence.

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