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1. SUMMARY. DEMONSTRATION, WHICH NEARLY EQUALLED SIZE OF THAT YESTERDAY, IS COMMENCING TO DISPERSE. TODAY'S SLOGANS ARE VERY POLITICAL--ANTI-SHAH, ANTI-U.S., ETC. LITTLE OR NO VIOLENCE SO FAR. END SUMMARY.

2. CROWDS, WHICH GATHERED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF CITY EARLIER IN DAY, MERGED ON SHAH REZA AND MOVED TO SHAHYAD MONUMENT, ARE NOW DISPERSING. WE HAVE RECEIVED VARYING REPORTS INDICATING THAT SLOGANS, CHANTS, ETC. TODAY ARE MUCH MORE POLITICALLY (ANTI-SHAH, ANTI-U.S.) ORIENTED THAN YESTERDAY. ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, WE HEAR, EXTREMIST PRO-KHOMEINI, PRO-TUDEH GROUPS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO AGITATE CROWDS TO CHALLENGE AUTHORITY BUT MODERATES HAVE REFUSED AND HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CONTROL THE OTHERS. SMALL GROUPS ARE NOW OCCASIONALLY PASSING THE EMBASSY BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS NOR, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ELSEWHERE IN CITY.

3. IN TABRIZ A CROWD ESTIMATED BY CONSUL METRINKO TO BE 70-80,000 MOVED BY CONSULATE LATE MORNING AND EACH SEGMENT STOPPED BRIEFLY TO SHOUT ANTI-U.S. AND OTHER SLOGANS, BUT THEN MOVED ON. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO TEAR DOWN CONSULAR SEAL BUT CROWD MARSHALS GENERALLY KEPT GROUPS UNDER CONTROL. OFFER BY MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES TO LIFT METRINKO FROM CONSULATE BY HELICOPTER WAS POLITELY DECLINED AND, WHEN CROWD RETURNED FROM OBSERVANCES AT CEMETERY, THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO TROUBLE. CONSUL HAS NOT RPTNOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION OF CLASHES BETWEEN SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND DEMONSTRATORS.

4. IN SHIRAZ, MAIN EVENT WAS AT MOSQUE, BUT CONSUL TOMSETH ESTIMATES ONLY 5,000 ATTENDED. AFTER CHANTING OF SLOGANS GROUP DIS-
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PERSED; NO INCIDENTS / NO VIOLENCE. SAME GENERAL SITUATION HAS PREVAILED IN ISFAHAN.

5. THERE ARE BELATED REPORTS THAT SOME CLASHES OCCURRED IN MASHAD LAST EVENING BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HOW SERIOUS THEY WERE. THE GOVERNOR OF HAMADAN WAS WOUNDED YESTERDAY AND HIS DRIVER KILLED. AP REPORTS THAT THIS WAS A TERRORIST ACTION BUT MILITARY SOURCES HERE STATE A SOLDIER, WHO LATER COMMITTED SUICIDE, WAS PERPETRATOR. SULLIVAN

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