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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

EYES ONLY FOR DIRECTOR BUSH FROM HELMS.

1. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE HAVING A MEETING ON APRIL 9 WITH RESPECT TO THE IBEX PROJECT. PROGRESS HERE ON THIS PROGRAM IS STALLED BY THE FAILURE OF GENERAL FISH IN DOD/D SAA TO RELEASE FOR EXPORT TO GOVERNMENT OF IRAN SEGMENT CONTRACT PROPOSALS. FROM INFORMATION I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GLEAN THROUGH GRAPEVINE, GENERAL FISH HAS NO RPT NO INTENTION OF MAKING THESE RELEASES. I MAY DO HIM AN INJUSTICE, BUT FACT REMAINS THAT YOU AND AGENCY ARE GOING TO BE IN A TOUGH SPOT WITH THE SHAH AND THE IRANIAN AIR FORCE IF MOVEMENT ON THESE CONTRACTS DOES NOT OCCUR PROMPTLY. YOU MAY WELL HAVE TO APPEAL TO DON RUMSFELD OR BOB ELLSWORTH TO GET SOME MOVEMENT FROM GENERAL FISH.

2. AM SENDING THIS MESSAGE TO YOU PERSONALLY, BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT YOU TO UNDERESTIMATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM. WARM REGARDS.

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