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FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SHARED WITH BIC NEW YORK TODAY VIA x *DM*
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REFER TELEX BIC NEW YORK 30 DECEMBER 1982 DEVELOPMENT ZANJAN

WE CONTACTED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOREIGN OFFICE BONN GERMANY AND APPEALED ITS INTERVENTION BEHALF TWO BAHAIS ZANJAN. FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED US FOLLOWING NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

1. ON 27 DECEMBER 1982 THE TEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES JOINED BY AUSTRALIA, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN MADE OFFICIAL DEMARCHE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TEHERAN STRONGLY DEMANDING END PERSECUTIONS BAHAIS REFERING RECENT WAVE IMPRISONMENTS EXECUTIONS SHIRAZ. DECISION TO MAKE THIS NEW DEMARCHE OBTAINED DURING RECENT MEETING OF THE TEN IN KOPENHAGEN AND CARRIED OUT BY AMBASSADOR OF DENMARK WHOSE COUNTRY HELD PRESIDENCY OF TEN TILL 31 DEC 82. BEGINNING JANUARY 1 GERMAN GOVERNMENT HOLDS PRESIDENCY.

2. PARRALLEL FINNISH GOVERNMENT CITED IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE HELSINKI AND EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN ABOUT PLIGHT BAHAIS IRAN.

3. REGARDING OUR APPEAL ON BEHALF TWO BAHAIS ZANJAN, GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM GOVERNMENT NETHERLANDS SUPPORTING SUGGESTING POSSIBLE JOINT INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, GERMAN GOVERNMENT FEELS AT MOMENT NOT APPROPRIATE TO INTERVENE BECAUSE OF RECENT DEMARCHE 27 DEC. WE THEN SUGGESTED THAT GERMAN AMBASSADOR TEHERAN TAKES NEXT CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS GOVERNMENTS CONCERN FATE THIS SPECIFIC CASE. FOREIGN OFFICE AGREED THIS PROCEDURE.

+++AFTER THIS COMMUNICATION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WE RECEIVED MESSAGE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE JANUARY 3 RECENT EXECUTION SHIRAZ. BASED ON THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT WE WILL AGAIN APPEAL TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER INTERVENTION TWO BAHAIS PARRALLEL TO DEMARCHE 27 DEC.

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