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PEOPLE IN THE MFA MIGHT HAVE HOPED NOT TO LET MATTERS GO TOO FAR IN ANTAGONISING THE SOVIET UNION, BUT ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE REVOLUTIONARY PROSECUTORS AND THE PASDARS ARE NOT UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL IN PURSUING THOSE THEY BELIEVE TO BE ENEMIES OF THE STATE. I BELIEVE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TUDEH IS NOT SO MUCH A RESULT OF THE DOMINANCE OF RIGHTISTS AS A DEMONSTRATION THAT THE LEADING FIGURES OF THE REVOLUTION, WHETHER INCLINED

TOWARDS CONSERVATIVE OR RADICAL VIEWS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, ARE UNITED IN THEIR HOSTILITY TO SOVIET DOMINATION JUST AS THEY WERE TO WHAT THEY SAW AS DOMINATION BY THE UNITED STATES.

4. THERE IS LOCAL SPECULATION ON SOVIET REACTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE LATEST VERY TOUGH ACTION AGAINST SOVIET DIPLOMATS. EVIDENTLY BAKU RADIO HAS BEEN VERY CRITICAL, BUT NO INSTRUCTIONS HAVE COME FROM MOSCOW. GIVEN THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE UNLIKELY TO WISH TO JEOPARDISE FURTHER THEIR DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER PRESENCE IN IRAN THEY MAY SIMPLY SWALLOW THE HUMILIATION, THOUGH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD A COLLEAGUE THEY WILL HAVE TO RESPOND IN SOME WAY. IF THEY ARE LOOKING FOR POINTS OF PRESSURE ON IRAN THE OBVIOUS ONE IS THE LAND TRANSIT CROSSING AT JOLFA, THROUGH WHICH A LARGE PROPORTION OF IRANIAN IMPORTS COME INTO THE COUNTRY.

5. WHATEVER THE COURSE OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, EC HEADS OF MISSION FELT IT WAS THE TIME FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AND LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES TO KEEP THEIR LINES OPEN TO IRAN.

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