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1. FOR ADDRESSEES' INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS
CHRONOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN FRENCH-IRANIAN RELATIONS
SINCE PM CHIRAC'S ACCESSION TO OFFICE IN MARCH, 1986:

-- 9 APRIL 1986: IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ADDRESS,
CHIRAC NOTES THAT WHILE MAINTAINING ITS TIES WITH
IRAQ, FRANCE HOPES TO REESTABLISH ITS DIALOGUE WITH
IRAN, "A GREAT NATION TOWARD WHICH FRANCE EVIDENCES NO
HOSTILITY."

-- 21-23 MAY: NORMALIZATION PROCESS IS CONFIRMED BY
CHIRAC AND VISITING IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER MOAYERI.

-- 7 JUNE: MUJAHIDIN LEADER MASOUD RAJAVI DEPARTS
FRANCE, HAVING BEEN, IN EFFECT, EXPELLED BY GOF.
"FRANCE HAS FULFILLED ONE OF THE THREE CONDITIONS FOR
NORMALIZATION," DECLARES PM MOAYERI IN TEHRAN.

-- 20 JUNE: FRENCH HOSTAGES IN LEBANON PHILIPPE
ROCHOT AND GEORGE HANSEN ARE FREED.

-- MID-NOVEMBER: AN ACCORD IS SIGNED BETWEEN FRANCE
AND IRAN UNDER WHICH DOLLARS 330 MILLION OF
ONE-BILLION-DOLLAR EURODIFF DEBT WHICH PARIS OWES TO
TEHRAN IS PAID. PRESS REPORTS, DENIED BY THE GOF,
ALLEGED THAT AGREEMENTS ON FRENCH ARMS SHIPMENTS WERE
ALSO REACHED.

-- 24 DECEMBER: FRENCH HOSTAGE AUREL CORNEA IS
RELEASED. PRESIDENT MITTERRAND DECLARES, "FRANCE HAD
EXPECTED MORE FROM IRAN." IN A PUBLIC ADDRESS.,
CHIRAC THANKS SEVERAL COUNTRIES FOR HELP IN CORNEA'S
RELEASE, BUT DOES NOT MENTION IRAN.

-- 19 JANUARY 1987: IRANIAN MFA OFFICIAL AHANI
VISITS PARIS FOR WHAT TURNS OUT TO BE THE LAST
OFFICIAL EXCHANGE IN FRANCE ON NORMALIZING RELATIONS.

-- 27 MARCH: MEMBERS OF WHAT FRENCH POLICE TERM AN
ISLAMIC TERRORIST NETWORK ARE ARRESTED IN PARIS.
CHIRAC'S SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES, "FOR THE MOMENT, THIS
AFFAIR WILL NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT" ON FRANCO-IRANIAN
RELATIONS."

2. CHRONOLOGY OF THE GORJI AFFAIR, WHICH LED
IMMEDIATELY TO THE BREAK IN FRENCH-IRANIAN RELATIONS,
FOLLOWS:

-- 3 JUNE 1987: IN THE COURSE OF NEW INVESTIGATIONS
ON TERRORIST NETWORK IN FRANCE, FRENCH JUDGE ISSUES AN
ORDER FOR IRANIAN EMBASSY INTERPRETER WAHID GORJI TO
APPEAR BEFORE HIM AS A "WITNESS." GORJI DISAPPEARS.

PRESS REPORTS ALLEGE THAT HE HAS BEEN WARNED TO LEAVE FRANCE BY THE QUAI D'ORSAY.

-- 30 JUNE: FRENCH POLICE CORDON OFF IRANIAN EMBASSY, EXAMINING IDENTIFICATION OF ALL WHO LEAVE AND ENTER.

-- 2 JULY: GORJI APPEARS AS INTERPRETOR AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN IRANIAN EMBASSY HELD BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND SPECIFICALLY NAMES A QUAI DIPLOMAT, DIDIER DESTREMEAU, AS THE OFFICIAL WHO WARNED HIM "TO REMAIN IN THE EMBASSY UNTIL CALM RETURNSJ" QUAI DENIES THE ALLEGATION.

-- 4 JULY: IRAN WARNS FRANCE AGAINST "UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES" IF "BLOCKADE" OF ITS EMBASSY CONTINUES.

-- 5 JULY: FM RAIMOND ANNOUNCES THAT NORMALIZATION NEGOTIATIONS ARE SUSPENDED PENDING RESOLUTION OF GORJI AFFAIR.

-- 7 JULY: IN A PRESS INTERVIEW, CHIRAC MENTIONS POSSIBILITY OF A BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

-- 11 JULY: IRANIAN DIPLOMAT CLAIMS THAT HE HAS BEEN BEATEN BY FRENCH POLICE AT GENEVA AIRPORT. GOF CLAIMS THAT DIPLOMAT FELL TO THE GROUND AND INFLICTED MINOR INJURIES ON HIMSELF. FRENCH CHARGE IN TEHRAN IS CONVOKVED TO IRANIAN MFA.

-- 13 JULY: FRENCH CARGO VESSEL IS ATTACKED BY UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 33837

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-- 14 JULY: FRENCH CONSUL IN TEHRAN, PAUL TORRI, IS ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE BY IRANIAN AUTHORITIES. IN PARIS, PRESIDENT MITTERRAND REAFFIRMS PUBLICILY THAT GORJI MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE EXAMINING MAGISTRATE WHO ORIGINALLY SUMMONED HIM.

-- 16 JULY: IRAN ISSUES 72-HOUR ULTIMATUM UNDER WHICH IT THREATENS TO BREAK RELATIONS IF THE "SIEGE" OF ITS EMBASSY IN PARIS IS NOT LIFTED AND THOSE GUILTY OF THE ALLEGED BEATING IN THE GENEVA AIRPORT ARE NOT PUNISHED. GOF REINFORCES GUARD AROUND IRANIAN EMBASSY.

--17 JULY: FRANCE BREAKS RELATIONS. SOME IRANIAN DIPLOMATS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE PREVENTED FROM LEAVING FRANCE AT SEVERAL BORDER CROSSING POINTS INTO GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

-- 19 JULY: IRANIANS ACCUSE MORE MEMBERS OF FRENCH EMBASSY OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. IN TV INTERVIEW, FM RAIMOND REAFFIRMS FRENCH DEMAND THAT GORJI APPEAR BEFORE MAGISTRATE. BARRACLOUGH

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