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SUBJECT: SAPPER ATTACK ON ICCS COMPOUND IN MY THO

REF: CAN THO 64

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1. RVN DELEGATION TO TPJMC HAS SENT FORMAL REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF EXPLOSION IN ICCS COMPOUND IN MY THO TO ICCS. IN ADDITION TO INFORMAL PRESS BRIEFING FEBRUARY 20, RVN DELEGATION ISSUED FORMAL PRESS RELEASE ON INCIDENT FEBRUARY 21.

2. WOULD APPEAR HUNGARIANS AND POLES HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSED AND CONFUSED BY INCIDENT. AFTER EXPLOSION, ACCORDING TO RVN DELEGATION, POLISH OFFICER AT MY THO REQUESTED RVN TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION OF COMPOUND. CONGEN CAN THO (REFTEL) REPORTS THAT HUNGARIANS AND POLES AT MY THO INSISTED DAMAGE WAS "ACCIDENTAL." ACCORDING TO IRANIAN COMMANDER GENERAL SODEIFY, HUNGARIANS AND POLES IN SAIGON ARE NOW TAKING THE POSITION THAT THEY CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT UNLESS THEY RECEIVE TWO-PARTY SAFETY GUARANTEE AND LIAISON OFFICERS FROM BOTH PARTIES, EVEN THOUGH THE INCIDENT TOOK

PLACE INSIDE ICCS COMPOUND.

3. THIS INCIDENT OFFERS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR INDONESIANS AND IRANIANS TO SUBMIT A PUBLISHABLE INVESTIGATION OR OBSERVATION REPORT TO TPJMC. WE ARE ENCOURAGING ACTION TO THIS END.

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