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SENT DEPARTMENT 1364, REPEATED INFORMATION BAGHDAD 75,  
LONDON 80, KHORRAMSHAHR, ISFAHAN, MESHED, TABRIZ, BASRA  
UNNUMBERED.

Re Baghdad telegram 1463.

During week ending December 24 Tehran papers with obvious government prodding continued take lead in more abusive comments on current Iran-Iraq relations. Though intemperate, editorials still not nearly as vicious as could be. Theme of Qassim's mental condition, which previously mentioned by only few smaller papers, taken up by all major ones. "Qassim's delirium" and "the sick Iraqi" were typical editorial headings. ET ELAAT said, "The attempt made on Qassim's life has deeply affected his mind." Some paper said "Qassim like a wrecked ship struggling for safety. His statements are hasty and boastful, bear no mark of his past discretion." On Shatt issue itself all papers agreed borderline is Thalweg. DAD and ET ELAAT thought Iran Government too polite and should drop international etiquette. POSTE Tehran typical in statement that "it is Baghdad which dreaming of aggression, not Tehran". Only TEHRAN JOURNAL, made any reference good neighborly relations and need third party mediation.

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