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John McMeekin

Met with President Shultz, Dan Rostenkowski, ~~Mc~~  
10-11-83 Fordham, ~~Parsons~~ ~~Parsons~~ - in  
Winston's residence or east (end of  
corridor sitting room) -

Re 2 SE Iran proposal -

President wants to free hostages.

Parsons & Hawks & Tiers would

not go to "Produce Element -

any" & would help overturn

Iranian Sanit. Large strongly

think we have an embargo

that makes arms sales to Iran

illegal & President's concern is water

it. & that "washing" transaction

than Israel would be more or legal

Shultz, Dan Rostenkowski agreed.

President said he could answer

charges of illegality but he

couldn't answer charge that

"big story President Reagan placed up

"charge to free hostages".

France President looks to do in near future

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Met with President, Shultz, Don Regan, John McMahon, Mc F-  
Farlane, John Poindexter - in  
10 - 11<sup>55</sup> a upstairs residence of WH (end of  
corridor sitting room) -  
re NSC Iran proposal -  
President wants to free hostages -  
Thinks a Hawks + TOWs would  
only go to "Moderate Elements in  
Army" + would help overthrow  
Iranian gov't. I argued strongly  
that we have an Embargo  
that Makes Arms Sales to Iran  
illegal + President couldn't violate  
it + that "washing" transaction  
thru Israel wouldn't make it legal -  
Shultz, Don Regan agreed.  
President sd. he could answer  
charges of illegality but he  
couldn't answer charge that  
"big strong President Reagan passed up  
a chance to free hostages".  
~~Preside~~ President left to do his noon radio