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First, he shows that while President Ronald Reagan was the “driving force” behind both parts of the affair—selling arms to Iran to secure the release of American hostages and funding the Contra war in Nicaragua despite the congressional prohibition on U.S. aid—Reagan displayed little interest in the details or legality of the actions he sanctioned (p. 3).

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