Supporting information:

## Accurate incorporation of hyperfine coupling in diabatic potential models using the Effective Relativistic Coupling by Asymptotic Representation approach

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In this supporting information we provide the representation for the hyperfine coupling matrices of dipole-dipole Eq. (12) and quadrupole Eq. (13) operators for the  ${}^{2}P_{3/2}$  and  ${}^{2}P_{1/2}$  states of the Iodine atom referenced in Sec. III.A. The matrices are given in the spinor basis  $|j^{I}, m_{j}^{I}, i^{I}, m_{i}^{I}\rangle$  with  $j^{I} = 3/2$  and  $i^{I} = 5/2$  for the  ${}^{2}P_{3/2}$  state and  $j^{I} = 1/2$  and  $i^{I} = 5/2$  for the  ${}^{2}P_{1/2}$  state.

Representation of the effective hyperfine dipole-dipole operator for the  $^2\mathrm{P}_{1/2}$  state.

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Representation of the effective hyperfine quadrupole operator for the  $^2\mathrm{P}_{3/2}$  state.

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