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>>>> "Javed" == Javed <kjaved@ncs.com.sg> writes:

Javed> I tried using SSH-AGENT and SSH-ADD, it works fine, BUT SSH-ADD  
Javed> still prompts for the passphrase for the FIRST time. As said  
Javed> earlier as the whole process is supposed to be automated hence  
Javed> even for the first time it should read the password from a  
Javed> file.

Javed> Can any one help me with the commands as to how to invoke  
Javed> SSH-ADD to read passphrase from a file. (passphrase could be a  
Javed> plain text or encrypted).

There is no point to this: having both the encrypted key and its  
passphrase stored on disk is equivalent to simply having an plaintext  
key. Just do that, and other precautions as feasible.

<http://www.snailbook.com/faq/no-passphrase.auto.html>

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