

Hold for Ambassador Helms.

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Action Taken

Checked with his Helms
who said Ambassador
may be back by
Monday 11 March
She suggested we tell
Brooks-Richards to
phone residence when
he gets here.
Sent immediate
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Saigon.
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CITE: SAIGON []

TO: IMMEDIATE TEHRAN

EYES ONLY []

PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM []

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR FRANCIS BROOKS-RICHARDS ABOUT TO DEPART VIETNAM AFTER TWO YEARS SERVICE HERE, WILL BE TRANSITING TEHRAN ON WAY TO LONDON ACCORDING TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

ARR TEHRAN FROM NEW DELHI FRIDAY 8 MAR AT 2315
VIA AF 185 (ROUDAKI HOTEL)
LV TEHRAN FOR SHIRAZ SUNDAY 10 MAR 0700 VIA IR 225
RETURN TEHRAN FROM IRSAHAN FRIDAY 15 MAR 2130 VIA
IR 230 (ASIA SHERATON)

RICHARDS HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES TO VIETNAM IN GENERAL AND TO [] OPERATIONAL MISSION IN PARTICULAR. WE UNDERSTAND HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT WILL BE AS AMBASSADOR TO GREECE.

2. AMBASSADOR RICHARDS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH YOU IN TEHRAN IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS.

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REALIZE THAT ABOVE SCHEDULE DOES NOT GIVE MUCH LEEWAY, BUT PERHAPS SOME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME CAN BE FOUND.

3. APART FROM HIS MOST COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS US, AMBASSADOR RICHARDS IS AN OLD INTELLIGENCE HAND WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN GERMANY. HE IS ALSO ACCOMPLISHED ARCHAEOLOGIST AND A VERY PLEASANT PERSON. ~~E2 IMPDET.~~

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