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TO: TEHRAN.

TO AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM COLBY

1. ADMIRAL RABORN VISITED ME TODAY WITH A REQUEST FOR SOME ADVICE. HE IS A DIRECTOR OF E SYSTEMS, INC., WHICH HAS SEVERAL POTENTIAL SERVICES IT WOULD LIKE TO OFFER TO IRAN. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT ADMIRAL RABORN MIGHT SPEND A FEW MINUTES WITH THE SHAH AND WITH THE FOLLOWING IRANIAN OFFICIALS:

GENERAL TOUFANIAN, VICE MINISTER OF WAR AND CHIEF OF PROCUREMENT;

LT. GENERAL NUSAMI, ASSISTANT TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN AND ARMAMENT PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST (ASSUMED TO BE HEIR APPARENT TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN);

MAJOR GENERAL AZERBAZINE, CCS/OPERATIONS, IMPERIAL IRANIAN AIR FORCE;

BRIGADIER GENERAL ASHIRI, DIRECTOR, IRANIAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY.

ALSO SUGGESTED HE MIGHT CONTACT MR. ERIC VON MORBAD (DOD/ISA) AND COLONEL LARRY ROPKA (ASSISTANT TO VON MORBAD). HOWEVER, IF AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY CANNOT BE ARRANGED, THE TRIP WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE MADE. RABORN SAYS THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE TO ASSURE HIS MAJESTY OF THE SOLIDARITY AND SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE OF E SYSTEMS, INC.

2. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN SETTING UP SUCH MEETINGS. ADMIRAL RABORN REQUESTED MY ADVICE AS TO ANY PROCEDURES YOU MAY HAVE FOR HANDLING THIS TYPE OF REQUEST FOR MEETINGS WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS. I SAID I WAS AWARE THAT YOU HAD A METHOD OF HANDLING SUCH BUT THAT I WAS NOT AWARE OF WHAT IT WAS. I VOLUNTEERED TO ASK YOU FOR ANY ADVICE YOU MIGHT HAVE AS TO STEPS ADMIRAL RABORN MIGHT TAKE. HE IS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN DOING THIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM HIS EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH YOU, ADMIRAL RABORN HAS HAD PRIOR CONTACT WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT AND

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HAD A TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO MEET THE SHAH IN TEHRAN LAST YEAR  
WHICH FELL THROUGH BUT WAS REPLACED BY A MEETING WITH THE EMBASSY  
HERE. HE STILL HAS POTENTIAL CONTACTS WITH THE EMBASSY HERE AND COULD  
PROSECUTE THAT ROUTE. E2 IMPDET.  
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