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TO: TEHRAN.

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PLEASE QUIETLY PASS FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM GERMANY:

DEAR DICK,

SENATOR BIRCH BAYH, WHO IS NOW VISITING IF IS (AS YOU KNOW) A MEMBER OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE. HE IS PLANNING TO STOP IN GERMANY EN POUTE HOME NEXT WEEKEND

SENATOR BIRCH BAYH, WHO IS NOW VISITING IRAN, IS (AS YOU KNOW) A MEMBER OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE. HE IS PLANNING TO STOP IN GERMANY EN ROUTE HOME NEXT WEEKEND (11-12 SEPTEMBER) FOR A SESSION WITH ME AND THE FIRST STATE CABLE ON THIS VISIT (STATE 212099) SAID HE HOPED TO SEE YOU WHILE IN IRAN.

IF YOU DO SEE HIM (OR HAVE SEEN HIM), I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A PRIVATE TEMPERATURE READING ON HIS MOOD, FEELINGS ABOUT OUR BUSINESS (AND AGENCY) PLUS ANY INDICATIONS HE MAY GIVE ABOUT WHAT HE WANTS TO FOCUS ON IN GERMANY. ADVANCE WARNING OF ANY SUBJECTS OVER WHICH HE SEEMS TO HAVE HEARTBURN OR A FULL HEAD OF STEAM WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME.

WE GOT HERE TWO WEEKS AGO AND WASHINGTON ALREADY SEEMS LIGHT YEARS AWAY. THIS IS A FASCINATING JOB. RUTH JOINS ME IN OUR BEST TO YOU AND CYNTHIA. MANY THANKS AND WARMEST REGARDS. COME SEE US. GEORGE. E2 IMPDET. SECRET

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