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Dear George,

Many thanks for the excellent briefings and the other courtesies extended by you on Tuesday.

I hope I didn't give the blow-torch (Komer-like) impression for I fully realize that results are hard to come by and that patience, tact, and understanding are essential ingredients.

It may be also that some of what Piet Hein said is necessary:

"The noble art of losing face may one day save the human race and turn into eternal merit what weaker minds would call disgrace."

I called Mr. Helms' secretary to see if there might be an opportunity to see him for a few minutes before I leave.

Sincerely,

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