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TO **Chief, NE Division ATTN: Mr. Alan E. Wolfe**

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FROM **Tehran**

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SUBJECT **Letter to Mr.**

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1. Attached is a letter from Ambassador Helms to Mr. . A copy of Mr. letter to Ambassador Helms is also attached for your information.

2. You may wish to discuss Mr. interest in coming to Tehran for a tour of duty with Mr. the new designate.

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1. Mr. Letter
2. Ambassador Helms' Letter

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1203 Allendale Road
McLean, Virginia 22101
April 24, 1975

Ambassador Richard Helms
U.S. Embassy Tehran
APO New York 09205

Dear Ambassador Helms,

I ask your indulgence for this direct letter to you, but it concerns a matter of some urgency to me. I had a brief meeting with Mr. Waller, who will be visiting Tehran next week, and expressed to him my desire to join his effort in Tehran. I took the liberty to inform him that you knew me and could attest to my credentials. I regret that I missed you after my return from my second tour in Vietnam (1973), but I was pleased that the Intelligence Star which was awarded to me later in 1973 bore your signature.

There is a bit of a complication regarding timetables in that I should get to the field before October 1975 if I am to clock a three-year tour before being forced to pasture. I am certain some accommodation can be made regarding a tour, but I will have to negotiate a firm commitment as soon as possible.

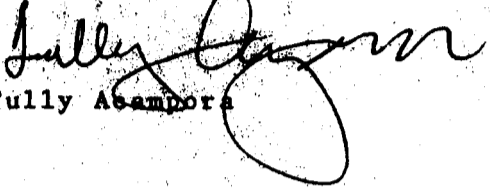
My reason for wanting to serve in Iran is that I consider it one of the great developing bastions of the free world, and I regard the Shah as a courageous and enlightened leader. I believe, perhaps presumptuously, that I have the broad based experience--not least of all the six years spent in Vietnam, intermixed with my stint as the chief of the Italian show--which can be employed in the effort to insure the integrity and security of Iran. I have been to Iran a number of times and had dealings with the Iranian ICC group in Vietnam. Additionally, I have language facility in a number of languages (Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, French) which might come in handy now that Iran has become a major crossroads of the world.

I regret that you have been subjected to a number of inquiries, but I am confident that ultimately all will come to know the contributions--and sacrifices--you have made for the cause.

I had lunch with Denis before I took off on my last tour in Vietnam.....he is a fine young man of whom you can be justly proud.

Thanking you in advance for any support in favor of my last hurrah.

Sincerely,


Tully Abampora

Att #2 to
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May 5, 1975

Dear Tully,

Thank you for your letter of April 24, 1975. It was good to hear from you again. I am sorry to have missed seeing you after your return from Vietnam and not to have been around to congratulate you on your Intelligence Star.

I wish I could encourage you in your interest in coming to Tehran for a tour of duty. Unfortunately things are very tight here. There is no prospect of increasing the size of the station and it is my understanding from Mr. Waller that the station is already fully staffed and that replacements for all those who will be leaving Tehran during this year are already in the pipe-line. I suggest you inform Mr. Wolfe, the new NE Division Chief, of your interest. Perhaps he can find a suitable post elsewhere in his area.

Best of luck and warm regards!

Sincerely,

Richard Helms