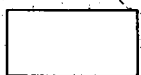


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TO: IMMEDIATE TEHRAN.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR RICHARD HELMS AND MAJOR GENERAL DEVOL BRETT, CHIEF, ARMISH-MAAG ONLY.

1. AT MY REQUEST, MARY HOFFMANN CONTACTED YOU WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERIM POSITION OF SENIOR DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE IN IRAN TO COORDINATE AND SUPERVISE THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING DOD FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) ACTIVITIES. THIS APPOINTMENT IS REGARDED AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOU, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE CONGRESS. THE SEPARATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT EFFORTS NEED TO BE PULLED TOGETHER AND MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTOR RELATED ACTIVITIES TIGHTENED. THE FLURRY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (KENNEDY 601 TO S1816; NELSON 8834; STONE S1939; HR 8232) TO THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, WHICH WOULD DRASTICALLY RESTRICT FMS ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA, CLEARLY SIGNALS THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE INTERFACE BETWEEN ARMISH-MAAG, INDUSTRY, THE PENTAGON, AND THE CONGRESS.
2. THE APPOINTMENT OF A SENIOR CIVILIAN OVER THE DOD ACTIVITIES IN-COUNTRY WILL UNIFY -- NOT FRAGMENT -- THE SUPPORT REQUIRED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM. IT WILL ALSO ADD TO OUR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS IN-COUNTRY.
3. THE SENIOR DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE WILL SERVE UNDER YOUR POLICY GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND OTHER KEY MILITARY CONCERNED UNDERSTAND THIS PROPOSAL AND SUPPORT IT AS A MEASURE TO RESOLVE PENDING PROBLEMS AND IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF DEFENSE INTERESTS. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL IF YOU DO NOT AGREE. WITH REGARDS, JIM. E-2 IMPDET.

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