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MESSRS HOUSTON AND MAURY FROM AMB. HELMS

1. HERewith IS REPEAT OF MESSAGE SENT TO MARSHALL WRIGHT OF STATE DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 6, 1973. IT IS SELF-EXPLANATORY:

2. "I ~~XXXX~~ HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH THE POUCH A LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HEARING AT WHICH I APPEARED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7. CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT'S LETTER TO ME READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR; IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT YOUR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON MAY 21 WAS IN PUBLIC, I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO MAKE PUBLIC ALSO THE TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR FEBRUARY 7 TESTIMONY WHICH PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED MAY 21.

I AM, THEREFORE, ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE FEBRUARY 7

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IN YOUR JUDGMENT SHOULD BE DELETED FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL  
SECURITY AND SO THAT YOU MAY ALSO MAKE WHATEVER GRAMMATICAL  
AND EDITORIAL CHANGES YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE.

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR  
YOUR COOPERATION WITH THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. I  
ASSURE YOU THAT THIS ~~AM~~ IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY  
YOURS, J. W. FULBRIGHT, CHAIRMAN. UNQUOTE.

"3. WILL YOU PLEASE CONVEY TO CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT THE  
FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM ME: QUOTE DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: AS  
REQUESTED IN YOUR LETTER OF MAY 23, I HAVE REVIEWED THE  
TRANSCRIPT OF MY FEBRUARY 7 TESTIMONY IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.  
AS FAR AS QUOTE GRAMMATICAL AND EDITORIAL CHANGES UNQUOTE  
ARE CONCERNED, I HAVE NOTED X SEVERAL PLACES WHERE MY LANGUAGE  
COULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED, PARTICULARLY AS TO PUNCTUATION,  
BUT I SEE LITTLE VIRTUE IN BURDENING THE COMMITTEE STAFF WITH  
A WHOLE SERIES OF NITPICKS. I ASSUME THAT SUCH ERRORS AS  
THE NAME OF MR. ACHESON'S BOOK ON PAGE 33, QUOTE PRESENT AT  
THE CREATION UNQUOTE, WILL BE CORRECTED IN THE NORMAL COURSE  
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"4. AS FOR QUESTIONS OF QUOTE NATIONAL SECURITY UNQUOTE, I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE A CASE ABOUT ANY PART OF THIS HEARING. YOU MAY WANT TO CONSULT DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SINCE HE IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CIA AND MAY HAVE OTHER VIEWS ON THE EFFECT SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND ~~XXXXXXXX~~ OPERATIONS.

"5. I DO HOWEVER, FEEL CONSTRAINED TO DRAW TO YOUR ATTENTION AND THAT OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE TRANSCRIPT WHICH CONTAIN STATEMENTS THAT IT IS NOT LIKELY WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE HAD THE HEARING ORIGINALLY BEEN IN OPEN SESSION. MAY I IDENTIFY THESE SECTIONS SO THAT YOUR COMMITTEE MAY FOCUS ON THE POSSIBLE PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT THAT MIGHT ENSUE FROM PUBLICATIONS:

FROM PAGE 19, LINE 3, TO PAGE 21, LINE 6.

PAGE 23, LINES 12-15. (THIS OBSERVATION SEEMS HARDLY RELEVANT ANY LONGER.)

PAGE 36, LINES 15-24. (THIS PARAGRAPH SIMPLY RAISES THE QUESTION OF GOOD TASTE.)

PAGE 37, LINE 9, TO PAGE 42, LINE 14. (SENATOR SYMINGTON MAY DESIRE TO REVIEW HIS REMARKS.)

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PAGE 43, LINES 1 TO 21. (THIS COLLOQUY COULD HAVE ~~EMBARRASSING~~ EMBARRASSING EFFECTS WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT.)

PAGE 46, LINE 12, TO PAGE 50, LINE 10. (SENATOR PERCY MAY DESIRE TO REVIEW HIS REMARKS.)

PAGE 52, LINES 14 TO 25.

PAGE 54, LINE 14, TO PAGE 57, LINE 9. (SENATOR PERCY MAY DESIRE TO REVIEW HIS REMARKS.)

PAGE 61, LINE 19.

PAGE 64, LINE 16. (YOU MAY WANT TO REVIEW THIS COLLOQUY YOURSELF.)

"6. ON PAGE 51 I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AT THE END OF LINE 20 THERE COULD BE ADDED THE FOLLOWING WORDS: QUOTE FOR SUCH PURPOSES UNQUOTE.

"7. MAY I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO THANK YOU MOST WARMLY FOR YOUR COURTESIES TO ME WHEN I APPEARED BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON MAY 21. SINCERELYM YOURS, RICHARD HELMS UNQUOTE.

"8. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING MR. MAURY AND/OR MR. HOUSTON AT THE AGENCY OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS TELEGRAM.

I FEEL IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD KNOW WHAT MY

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Messrs Houston and Murray from Helms

1. Herewith is repeat of message sent recent to Marshall Wright of State Department on June 6, 1973. It is self-explanatory.



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**FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARSHALL WRIGHT FROM AMBASSADOR**

1. I have received through the pouch a letter from Chairman **FULBRIGHT** of the Foreign Relations Committee enclosing a copy of the executive session hearing at which I appeared on Wednesday, February 7. Chairman Fulbright's letter to me reads as follows: QUOTE Dear Mr. Ambassador; In view of the fact that your testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee on May 21 was in public, I think it would be a good idea to make public also the transcript of your February 7 testimony which provided the basis for many of the questions that were asked May 21.

I am, therefore, enclosing a copy of the February 7 transcript, so that you may indicate those portions which in your judgment should be deleted for reasons of national security and so that you may also make whatever

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grammatical and editorial changes you deem appropriate.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for your cooperation with the Foreign Relations Committee. I assure you that this is deeply appreciated. Sincerely yours, J.W. Fulbright, Chairman. UNQUOTE.

2. Will you please convey to Chairman Fulbright the following response from me: QUOTE Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested in your letter of May 23, I have reviewed the transcript of my February 7 testimony in executive session. As far as QUOTE grammatical and editorial ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ changes UNQUOTE are concerned, I have noted several places where my language could be greatly improved particularly as to punctuation, but I see little virtue in burdening the Committee staff with a whole series of nitpicks. I assume that such errors as the name of Mr. ACHESON's book on page 33, QUOTE Present at the Creation UNQUOTE, will be corrected in the normal course of editing.

3. As for questions of QUOTE national security UNQUOTE, I find it difficult to make a case about any part of this hearing. You may want to consult Director of Central Intelligence since he is now responsible for the CIA and may have other views on the effect some of the statements may have with regard to ongoing activities and operations.

4. I do, however, feel constrained to draw to your attention and that of the Foreign Relations Committee members certain



portions of the transcript which contain statements that it is not likely would have been made had the hearing originally been in open session. May I identify these sections so that your Committee may focus on the possible public embarrassment that might ensue from publication:

~~Page 18, lines 1-3.~~ From Page 19, line 3, to page 21,

~~Page 21, lines 1-8.~~ line 8.

Page 23, lines 12-15. (This observation seems hardly relevant any longer.)

Page ~~21~~ 36, lines 15-24. (This paragraph simply raises the question of good taste.)

Page 37, line 9, to page 42, line 14. (Senator Symington may desire to review his remarks.)

Page 43, lines 1 to 21. (This colloquy could have embarrassing effects with the Iranian Government.)

Page 46, line 12, to page 50, line 10. (Senator Percy may desire to review his remarks.)

Page 52, ~~lines 14 to 25.~~ lines 14 to 25.

Page 54, line 14, to page 57, line 9. (Senator Percy may desire to review his remarks.)

Page 61, line 19.

Page 64, line 16. (You may want to review this colloquy yourself.)

5. On page 51 I would appreciate it if at the end of line 20 there could be added the following words:

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QUOTE for such purposes UNQUOTE.

6. May I take this occasion to thank you most waraly for your courtesies to me when I appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on May 21. Sincerely yours, Richard Helms UNQUOTE.

7. I would appreciate your informing Mr. MAURY and/or Mr. HOUSTON at the Agency of the contents of this telegram. I feel it is only fair that the Agency should know what my ~~part~~ correspondence with ~~Chairman~~ Chairman Fulbright has been.

8. Does the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Staff want me to return by pouch the copy of the transcript? The one I have is number 3 of 3.

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