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TO: IMMEDIATE EXCLUSIVE FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM  
AMBASSADOR HELMS.

(SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS. BARBARA  
PINDAR, PLEASE HAVE DELIVERED TO EVELYN IRONS ONLY. PLEASE  
DO NOT SEND FROM AGENCY TO PENTAGON BY ELECTRICAL MEANS.)

REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE, SUBJECT: FINANCING GRUMMAN F-14  
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1. THANK YOU FOR TAKING STEPS TO INSURE THAT THE GOI  
WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS MATTER. YOUR DISCLOSURE POLICY IS  
MOST HELPFUL IN BUILDING CREDIBILITY AND AVOIDING FUTURE BACK-  
LASH.

2. I AM IN FAVOR OF HALLOCK PRESENTING THE INFORMATION  
TO H.I.M. AND TO ANY GOI OFFICIALS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, AS A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR OFFICE RATHER THAN HAVING THIS TASK  
DONE BY A SERVICE OFFICER.

3. I FEEL STRONGLY, HOWEVER, THAT WHAT IS PRESENTED MUST  
BE ABSOLUTELY ACCURATE AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE PERSONALLY OKAYED  
BY YOU TO MINIMIZE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BE

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CHANGED. THIS IS AN ARCAINE SOCIETY WHERE SPECIAL MEANINGS ARE READILY ATTACHED TO OUR ACTIONS. IF THE PRESENTATION ON THIS POTENTIALLY COMPLEX AND SENSITIVE SUBJECT IS MADE ONE WAY AND THEN HAS TO BE CHANGED, THERE CAN BE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH H.I.M. AND THE GOI FROM WHICH IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO RECOVER.

4. IN ORDER THAT WE NOT ACT IN HASTE AND REGRET AT LEISURE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE EXACT POSITION AND EXPLANATION COULD BE DISPATCHED NOW FOR OUR STUDY. WE COULD THEN WIRE IT BACK FOR YOUR PERSONAL APPROVAL. IF YOU FEEL THAT THE NAVY TEAM WOULD BE HELPFUL IN EXPLAINING YOUR POSITION, WE WOULD WIRE BACK AGAIN AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THEM. WHILE WE CANNOT HANDLE THE TEAM UNTIL AFTER 4 MAY BECAUSE OF GENERAL BROWN'S VISIT (4 MAY IS IRANIAN "MONDAY"), THE DELAY SHOULD AFFORD USEFUL TIME FOR CAREFUL PREPARATION.

5. DICK HALLOCK AND I DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT AT LENGTH TODAY AND HE CONCURS. I AGREE WITH YOU THAT HIS WORK IS IMPORTANT AND MOST HELPFUL. ALSO I WILL PASS YOUR SENTIMENTS TO H.I.M. WITH WARM REGARDS, DICK.

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