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TO: IMMEDIATE TEHRAN.

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO AMBASSADOR HELMS:

"THE ATHENS AIRPORT IS AGAIN OPEN. GOG IS PERMITTING PREVATE LEAIN OPEN. BOATS TO LEAVE PORT.

"MR. KANNELOPOULOS INFORMS ME THE "SOUTH WIND" IS BEING PROVISIONED AND FUELED TODAY. THE THREE MOBILIZED CREW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO "DUTY STATIONS" ON THE BOAT. MY BEST ESTIMATE IS THE CRISIS IS DEFUSED FOR THE PRESENT AND WE SHOULD HAVE A BREATHING SPELL WHILE THE PARTIES GO TO THE NEGOTIATION TABLE. WEATHER IS BEAUTIFUL AND CRUISING SHOULD BE GREAT.

MR. K. WILL MEET YOU AT AIRPORT. HE HAS ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR DEPARTURE ON 26 JULY. YOU MAY WISH CONSIDER THESE AND GIVE HIM YOUR DECISION ON ARRIVAL. ON ASSUMPTION YOU HAVE NOT SEEN DELPHI, HE WOULD HAVE YOU DEPART FOR THRERE ABOUT 1000 HOURS WITH HIS CAR AND DRIVER. HE WILL RESERVE ROOMS FOR SIESTA. SEE DELPHI IN LATE AFTERNOON AND BOARD BOAT AT SMALL PORT CLOSE-BY ABOUT 1900 HOURS. ALTERNATE IS TO SIMPLY BOARD BOAT IN FRONT OF HIS HOME AT TIME OF YOUR CHOSSING.

"WARM REGARDS AND GOOD KRUISING"

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