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CITE CAIRO [REDACTED]

TO: DIRECTOR, TEHRAN.

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REF: DIRECTOR [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] COORDINATING WITH RSO AND EMBASSY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. [REDACTED] TO ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR HELMS WHEREVER POSSIBLE DURING VISIT TO EGYPT. WILL ALSO COORDINATE WITH LIAISON FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY COVERAGE. RSO ADVISES IT POSSIBLE REQUEST EGYPTIAN BODYGUARD FROM STATE SECURITY TO ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR THROUGHOUT VISIT, INCLUDING THOSE PORTIONS MR. [REDACTED] MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COVER. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH US PROCEED TO TRY ARRANGE BODYGUARD.

2. WE CONTINUE WORKING ON RESERVATIONS REQUESTED PARA 2 REF, BUT SO FAR UNABLE CONFIRM ANY HOTEL SPACE. [REDACTED] WILL PROVIDE OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MR. [REDACTED] IF WE CANNOT GET HOTEL HERE. FLIGHT RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM BUT HOTELS IN LUXOR AND ASWAN FULLY BOOKED. WILL ADVISE.

3. UPON ARRIVAL CAIRO, [REDACTED] SHOULD CONTACT [REDACTED] OFFICER [REDACTED] HOME PHONE [REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION ON CAIRO ACCOMMODATIONS. RSO FLAWIGAN'S HOME TELEPHONE IS 36645 RPT 36645 OR EMBASSY NUMBER 28219 RPT 28219 (EXT 398). EMBASSY WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY, 7 MAR CH.

4. WE DOING BEST WE CAN FOR [REDACTED] AND WE SHARE HQS CONCERN FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS' SECURITY. FROM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN VARIOUS AMERICAN VIP VISITS THIS PAST YEAR, HOWEVER, IT CLEAR AMBASSADOR'S WELFARE WILL DEPEND ON EGYPTIAN SECURITY, WHICH IS QUITE EFFECTIVE, RATHER THAN ON U.S. BODYGUARDS.

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5. WE CANNOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY TO HQS, ONCE AGAIN, THAT IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ACQUIRE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN CAIRO AND OTHER EGYPTIAN TOURIST SITES ON SHORT NOTICE. FOR EXAMPLE, EMBASSY PRESENTLY UNABLE TO LOCATE ADEQUATE HOTEL SPACE FOR SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON'S PARTY ARRIVING NEXT MONTH. EVEN PENSIONS OVER-BOOKED.

6. BOTH [REDACTED] AND RSO WOULD APPRECIATE SOME EXPLANATION WHY [REDACTED] REQUEST COULD NOT BE HANDLED THROUGH STATE CHANNELS. RSO HAS WORKED WITH [REDACTED] BEFORE AND IS SOMEWHAT MIFFED AT HAVING TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION THROUGH [REDACTED] CHANNELS ONLY. IF WE MAY BE BIT GRATUITOUS, BELIEVE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS KIND OF SITUATION IN FUTURE IS TO MAKE FIRM DECISION DURING INITIAL PLANNING STAGES AS TO JUST WHO IS AND IS NOT GOING TO MAKE UP PARTY. IF THERE IS DOUBT ABOUT ONE PERSON OR ANOTHER, ADD HIS/HER NAME ANYWAY SINCE THERE NO TROUBLE CANCELLING HOTEL RESERVATIONS. ALL ADMIN ASPECTS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE HANDLED THROUGH STATE CHANNELS FROM BEGINNING. WITH [REDACTED] PROVIDING BACKUP ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AS REQUIRED. E2, IMPDET,  
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