TO: DIRECTOR.

ATTENTION: MR. HOUSTON (IF ABSENT, PLEASE HOLD FOR HIS RETURN)

FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN

1. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR PHONE CALL AND LETTER OF JUNE 15 WITH ATTACHMENTS. PLEASE THANK JOHN WARNER FOR HIS HELP LAST WEEK. HE WAS GREAT.

2. WOULD YOU PLEASE BE GOOD ENOUGH TO FILL ME IN EITHER BY CABLE OR BY AIRMAIL LETTER BEFORE I LEAVE HERE AROUND 19 JULY ON A FEW POINTS WHICH ARE UNCLEAR TO ME AT THIS DISTANCE. MY MAIL ADDRESS IS BOX 2000, APO NEW YORK, 09205. THE POINTS INCLUDE, ALTHOUGH YOU MAY HAVE OTHERS:

   A) HOW DID SENATOR SYMINGTON TAKE MY EXPLANATION RE MC CORD LETTERS? (HAVE NOTED THAT QUOTE ANONYMOUS UNQUOTE IN THIS CONNECTION IS A NO-NO).

   B) WHAT DOES SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE PLAN ABOUT DECLASSIFYING TRANSCRIPTS, IF ANYTHING? SOME FOR MC CLELLAND AND NEDZI?

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C) DOES COX'S TAKE-OVER OF WATERGATE RESPONSIBILITIES FROM SILBERT, GLANZER, AND CAMPBELL MEAN THAT THEY ARE OUT OF PICTURE ENTIRELY OR ONLY AS IT AFFECTS FUTURE INVESTIGATION? PUT ANOTHER WAY, DOES COX ASSUME ALL THEIR FILES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR DO THEY TIDY UP LATTER INCLUDING MY ROLE IN WITHHOLDING MCCORD LETTERS FROM FEDERAL AUTHORITIES? IF ACQUERING ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS MEANS AWAKENING SLEEPING DOGS, PLEASE LET THEM DOZE.

D) NOW THAT SCHLESINGER HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AND DEAN HAS TESTIFIED, HOW DO YOU THINK CUSHMAN, WALTERS, AND I HAVE COME OUT? REALIZE THAT YOUR ANSWER HAS TO BE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECTIVE, BUT YOU HAVE A GOOD FEEL FOR THESE THINGS AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IMPRESSIONS QUITE WITH THE BARK ON UNQUOTE. INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS GOOD THAT CUSHMAN HIT BACK HARD AT EHRLICHMAN OVER THE PHONE CALL ABOUT HELPING HUNT. AS COLBY WILL TELL YOU, EHRLICHMAN IS HARDLY TRUTH AND HONESTY ROLLED INTO ONE. E2, IMPDET.

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