Reference:

1. As noted in reference, Kenneth Benton, a British writer and former officer, plans to visit Tehran 20 to 25 September while touring the Persian Gulf states, Lebanon and Africa preparatory to writing a study on the "Security of the Cape Oil Route." He hopes to obtain the views of Ambassador Helms on this subject and has written the attached letter to the Ambassador in addition to making a request for an interview through the American Embassy in London. Benton has met the Ambassador before in the United States.

2. The study is being financed by the prestigious Institute for the Study of Conflict in London, which publishes ten or more such papers annually under the title, "Conflict Studies." The two latest issues of this series are attached as are the study group outlines which indicate the form this particular study will take.

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