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CITE: SAIGON

TO: IMMEDIATE TEHRAN

EYES ONLY

PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR FRANCIS BROOKS-RICHARDS ABOUT TO DEPART VIETNAM AFTER TWO YEARS SERVICE HERE, WILL BE TRANSITING TEHERAN ON WAY TO LONDON ACCORDING TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

ARR TEHRAN FROM NEW DELHI FRIDAY 8 MAR AT 2315 VIA AF 185 (ROUDAKI HOTEL)

LV TEHRAN FOR SHIRAZ SUNDAY 10 MAR 0700 VIA IR 225

RETURN TEHRAN FROM IRSFAHAN FRIDAY 15 MAR 2130 VIA IR 230 (ASIA SHERATON)

RICHARDS HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES TO VIETNAM IN GENERAL AND TO OPERATIONAL MISSION IN PARTICULAR. WE UNDERSTAND HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT WILL BE AS AMBASSADOR TO GREECE.

2. AMBASSADOR RICHARDS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH YOU IN TEHRAN IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS.

APPROVED FOR RELEASE
DATE: MAR 2000
REALIZE THAT ABOVE SCHEDULE DOES NOT GIVE MUCH LEEWAY, BUT
PERHAPS SOME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME CAN BE FOUND.

3. APART FROM HIS MOST COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS
US, AMBASSADOR RICHARDS IS AN OLD INTELLIGENCE HAND WITH
EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN GERMANY. HE IS ALSO ACCOMPLISHED
ARCHAEOLOGIST AND A VERY PLEASANT PERSON. E2 IMPDET.

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