TO: DIRECTOR.

DIRECTOR COLBY FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS

1. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN SENDING ME MATERIAL CONTAINED IN DIRECTOR.

2. ADMIRAL DE POIX'S BRIEFING OF THE SHAH AT RAMSAR ON AUGUST 6 WENT OFF WELL. GENERAL AZHARI AND DEPUTY J-2 WERE ALSO PRESENT. ON AUGUST 7 ADMIRAL DE POIX BRIEFED THE CHIEFS OF THE THREE IRANIAN MILITARY SERVICES: GENERAL OVEISSI, ADMIRAL ATTAI, AND GENERAL KHATAMI.

3. HAVE ASKED TO REPORT TO YOU AGREEMENT HE AND I REACHED WITH SHAH AFTER THE BRIEFING TUESDAY ABOUT SCHEDULE FOR DELIVERY OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

4. ADMIRAL DE POIX HAD NO SOONER MENTIONED THE INDIAN OCEAN DURING THE BRIEFING THAN THE SHAH INQUIRED ABOUT YOUR TESTIMONY RE DIEGO GARCIA GIVEN BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TAKEN THIS LINE. DE POIX WAS QUICK TO STATE THAT THIS PARTICULAR VIEW WAS HELD ONLY BY THE AGENCY. I MENTION THIS EPISODE SIMPLY TO INDICATE

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THAT SINCE AGENCY VIEWS AND AFFAIRS APPEAR SO REGULARLY IN THE PRESS THESE DAYS, IT WOULD SEEM YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A RATHER NEW PROBLEM OF FIGURING OUT IN ADVANCE WHAT FOREIGN REACTION TO YOUR BRIEFINGS IS LIKELY TO BE.

5. WARM REGARDS AND BEST WISHES. E2, IMPDET.