TO: TEHRAN, MADRID

FROM: PM COLBY

TEHRAN (FOR AMBASSADOR HEHES), MADRID (FOR GENERAL WALTERS).

THIS MESSAGE IS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU MATERIAL FROM TRANSCRIPTS OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND H.E. HALEBEN OCCURRING ON 23 JUNE 1973. THE TRANSCRIPTS, RELEASED BY THE PRESIDENT LATE ON 5 AUGUST, WERE PUBLISHED ON 6 AUGUST IN THE WASHINGTON POST, FROM WHICH THESE EXCERPTS WERE TAKEN. THE TRANSCRIPTS, REPORTEDLY, ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND THE TAPES ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO JUDGE SIRICA. THE EXCERPTS IN THIS MESSAGE ARE THOSE PORTIONS OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT RELATE TO AMBASSADOR HEHES, GENERAL WALTERS AND CIA. WE BELIEVE MATERIAL IS SELF EXPLANATORY, EXCEPT FOR GAPS IN THE CONVERSATIONS, AND WE HAVE MADE NO INTERPRETATIONS.

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BELOW IS THE INTERCEPTION YOU ASKED THE DEMOCRATIC BREAK-IN THINK IT'S IN THE FIRST INSERT HERE BECAUSE THE 215 IS NOT UNDER STUDY. THE 215 IS NOT UNDER STUDY EXACTLY HOW TO CONTROL IT AND THAT'S THE BRIEFING, NOT THE BRIEFING. THAT IS NOT AN EXCERPT INTO SOME PRODUCTIVE TAXONOMY OF THE 215. WE COULD HAVE LOOKED AT THE 215. WE COULD HAVE LOOKED AT THE 215. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. THE 215. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAPPENED. WE COULD HAVE HAP
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H. THAT THE WAY TO HANDLE THIS NOW IS FOR US TO HAVE WALTERS CALL PAT GRAY AND JUST SAY, "STAY TO HELL OUT OF THIS—THIS IS A BUSINESS HERE WE DON'T WANT YOU TO GO ANY FURTHER ON IT," THAT'S NOT AN UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT, AND AH, THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT.

P. WHAT ABOUT PAT GRAY—YOU MEAN PAT GRAY DOESN'T WANT TO?

H. PAT DOES WANT TO. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO, AND HE DOESN'T HAVE, HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY BASIS FOR DOING IT. GIVEN THIS, HE WILL THEN HAVE THE BASIS. HE'LL CALL MARK FELT IN, AND THE TWO OF THEM—AND MARK FELT WANTS TO COOPERATE BECAUSE HE'S AMBITIOUS—

P. YEAH.

H. HE'LL CALL HIM IN AND SAY, "WE'VE GOT THE SIGNAL FROM ACROSS THE RIVER TO PUT THE HOLD ON THIS," AND THAT WILL FIT RATHER WELL BECAUSE THE FBI AGENTS WHO ARE WORKING THE CASE, AT THIS POINT, FELL THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

P. THIS IS CIA? THEY'VE TRACED THE MONEY? WHO'D THEY TRACE IT TO?

H. WELL THEY'VE TRACED IT TO A NAME, BUT THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE GUY YET.

P. WOULD IT BE SOMEBODY HERE?

H. NEW BARKER?

P. KNEW BARKER IS NEW BARKER?

H. THIS IS FRESH TO BARKER AND, AH, THE CHECK WENT DIRECTLY TO BARKER'S COMPANY FROM PANAMA.

P. IF HE'LL CALL THEM FROM PANAMA, FROM PISTAS?

H. THAT'S WHAT I'M THINKING. THERE'S SOME MORE THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN, THAT THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN, WHICH CAN HELP FURTHER.

P. IS THIS IMPORTANCE AGAIN—THEM GET THEIR NAMES TODAY.

H. I'M NOT THINKING IF THEY'RE IMPORTANT, THAT THERE WERE APPROACHED BY THE GIRLS, BUT IT MIGHT BE, THE GIRLS, TOO, THAT THEY—

P. THAT'S THE PROBLEM AND THEY'LL STOP IF WE COULD GET THEM TO STOP.

H. THEY SAY THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS FROM WHITE HOUSE INSTRUCTION.
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AND IT'S GOT TO BE TO HELMS AND TO—AH, WHAT'S HIS NAME...? WALTERS.

P, WALTERS.

H, AND THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE THAT EHRlichMAN AND I CALL THEM IN, AND SAY, AH—

P, ALL RIGHT, FINE, HOW DO YOU CALL HIM IN—I MEAN YOU JUST—WELL, WE PROTECTED HELMS FROM ONE HELL OF A LOT OF THINGS.

H, THAT'S WHAT EHRlichMAN SAYS;

P, OF COURSE, THIS HUNT, THAT WILL UNCOVER A LOT OF THINGS. YOU OP-

E THAT SCAB THERE'S A HELL OF A LOT OF THINGS AND WE JUST FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO HAVE THIS THING GO ANY FURTHER. THIS INVOLVES THESE CUBANS, HUNT, AND A LOT OF HANKY-PANKY THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH OURSELVES. WELL WHAT THE HELL, DID MITCHELL KNOW ABOUT THIS?

H, I THINK SO, I DON'T THINK HE KNEW THE DETAILS, BUT I THINK HE KNEW.


H, HE IS;

P, I MEAN HE JUST ISN'T WELL SCREWED ON IS HE? IS THAT THE PROB-

LEM?

P, NO, SEE HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE, APPARENTLY, TO GET MORE INFORMATIO

H, AND AS HE GOT SOME PRESSURE; HE PUSHED THE PEOPLE HARDER TO HAVE MORE?

P, PRESSING FOR MITCHELL?

F, CALL MITCHELL.

P, OR MITCHELL, MITCHELL WAS AT THE TIME (UNINTERPRETABLE).

F, I UNDERSTAND IT ALL. WE WON'T SECOND-

H, IT'S NOT MEANING IT IN THAT WAY, OH NO IT WASN'T COGAN.

F, THAT THE CHARGES AGAINST COGAN LAY.fastjson, THEY DETERMINED THAT

H, THEY CONCLUDED THAT THEY MADE THE SAME AS INTERROGATION,

F, AND THEY CONCLUDED THE CASE CORRECTLY ONE, THAT THIS WAS A

H, THEY THINK THAT THERE IS ANYTHING AT THE WHITE HOUSE—BUT THEY THINK IT WAS EITHER A WHITE HOUSE OPERATION OR THEY ARE STILL GIVING REASONS FOR IT—NON-POLITICAL, OR IT WAS

F, COGAN AND THE CIA. AND AFTER THEIR INTERROGATION OF COGAN YESTERDAY, THEY CONCLUDED IT WAS NOT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT ARE NOW


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CONVINCED IT IS A CIA THING, SO THE CIA TURNOFF WOULD—

P. WELL, NOT SURE OF THEIR ANALYSIS, I'M NOT GOING TO GET THAT INVOLVED. I'M (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. NO, SIR, WE DON'T WANT YOU TO.
P. YOU CALL THEM IN.
H. GOOD DEAL.
P. PLAY IT TOUGH. THAT'S THE WAY THEY PLAY IT AND THAT'S THE WAY WE ARE GOING TO PLAY IT.
H. O.K.

P. WHEN YOU GET IN—WHEN YOU GET IN (UNINTELLIGIBLE) PEOPLE, SAY

“LOOK THE PROBLEM IS THAT THIS WILL OPEN THE WHOLE, THE WHOLG BAY OF PIGS THING AND THE PRESIDENT JUST FEELS THAT AH, WITHOUT GOING INTO THE DETAILS—DON'T, DON'T LIE TO THEM TO THE EXTENT TO SAY THERE IS NO INVOLVEMENT BUT JUST SAY THIS IS A COMEDY OF ERRORS, WITHOUT GETTING INTO IT, THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS GOING TO OPEN THE WHOLE BAY OF PIGS THING UP AGAIN. AND, AH, BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE PLUGGING FOR (UNINTELLIGIBLE) AND THAT THEY SHOULD CALL THE FBI IN AND (UNINTELLIGIBLE) DON'T GO ANY FURTHER INTO THIS CASE PERIOD! (INAUDIBLE) OUR CASE—

H. GET MORE DONE FOR OUR CAUSE AT THE OPPOSITION THAN BY US.
P. WELL, CAN YOU GET IT DONE?
H. I THINK SO.
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P. G.K., SIT UP THERE [SCRATCHING NOSES] (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

FELL WAY (UNINTELLIGIBLE) YES, BUT TO HAVE THIS FELLOW HUNT, AN’ HE KNEW WE HAD NUGGETS. IF HE WAS INVOLVED—YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT?

IT IS THE PART OF THIS TO BE INVOLVED, THE CRAP THING IT WOULD BE TO PULL IT AND THEN MAKE THE CIA LOOK BAD, IT IS GOING TO MAKE THAT PIGS THING IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, AND IT IS BETTER TO MAKE THE WHOLE BAY OF PIGS THING HAPPEN NOW WITH THE FBI INVOLVED BESIDES THE CIA, AND FOR—

H. SITTING AT THIS TIME AND THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. JUST

THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT, DON'T KNOW.

P. WELL, THAT HUNT AGAIN TO DO IT ON. JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

H. I DON'T KNOW IF WE WILL GET ANY MUCH FOR DOING IT BECAUSE OUR American political (UNINTELLIGIBLE), HUNTS IS NOT ONE TO (UNINTELLIGIBLE)—I WOULD THINK MAY, LOOK IN, BECAUSE OF THE HUNT INVOLVEMENT.

H. WOULD COVER RELATIVELY THIS

H. YES, GOOD MOVE.
H. NO PROBLEM.
P. (UNINTelligible)
H. WELL, IT WAS KIND OF INTEREST. WALTERS MADE THE THE POINT AND
I DIDN'T MENTION HUNT, I JUST SAID THAT THAT THE THING WAS LEADING
INTO DIRECTIONS THAT WERE GOING TO CREATE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE
THEY WERE EXPLORING LEGENDS THAT LED BACK INTO AREAS THAT WOULD BE
HARMFUL TO THE CIA AND HARMFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT (UNINTelligible)
DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO (UNINTelligible).

H. (UNINTelligible) I THINK HELMS DID TO (UNINTelligible) SAID,
I'VE HAD NO--
P. GOD (UNINTelligible).
H. GRAY CALLED AND SAID, YESTERDAY, AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT--
P. WHO DID? GRAY?
H. GRAY CALLED HELMS AND SAID I THINK WE'VE RUN RIGHT INTO
THE MIDDLE OF A CIA COVERT OPERATION.
P. GRAY SAID THAT
H. YES, AND (UNINTelligible) SAID NOTHING WE'VE DONE
AT THIS POINT AND AM (UNINTelligible) SAY WELL IT SURE LOOKS
TO ME LIKE IF IT IS (UNINTelligible) AND AH, THAT WAS THE END OF THAT
CONVERSATION (UNINTelligible) THE PROBLEM IS IT TRACKS BACK TO THE
LET ME WASH AND WE TRACER BACK TO SOME OTHER THE LEADS RUN OUT
IT PANS (UNINTelligible) (UNINTelligible) IN THIS, EXCEPT BY CONTRACTS AND
CONTRACTS AND IT SEEMS TO APPEAR THAT SHE SEEMED TO BE RAISED?
YOU PROBLEM (UNINTelligible) BUMP; SO AT THAT POINT HE KIND OF
SAID WELL, WE SAID WE'LL BE JUST
HE'S NOT IN CHARGE (UNINTelligible) MAKES ANYTHING YOU WANT.
I TOLD HIM TO KEEP THE RECORD UP BEING HELPFUL, AND I MADE
SURE THAT HE WOULDN'T BE GOING TO GET EXCUSED (UNINTelligible)
WIDELY, RELISH, HELMS, AND WALTERS (UNINTelligible), WALTERS
IS GOING TO GIVE ME WHAT I NEED BUT IF YOU IM ME AND THAT'S THE WAY
I SAID "OK"

I. THE NAME THAT WORE THOUGH, HOW THEY'VE GOT TO (UNINTelligible)

SOMEBODY FROM THE MURR BANK.
I. (UNINTelligible) THE POOL JOHN MAKES--THE BUREAU IS
DOING THIS BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE UNCOVERING
(UNINTelligible) CONTINUE TO PURGE IT, THEY DON'T NEED TO
MAINTAIN THEY ALREADY HAVE THEIR CASE AS FAR AS THE CHARGES AGAINST
THOSE MEN (UNINTelligible) AND AH, AS THEY PURSUE (UNINTelligible)

P. (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. WELL, I THINK THEY WILL.

P. IF IT RUNS (UNINTELLIGIBLE) WHAT THE HELL WHO KNOWS (UN-INTELLIGIBLE) CONTRIBUTES CIA.

H. YA, IT'S MONEY CIA GETS MONEY (UNINTELLIGIBLE) I M MO

MONEY MOVES IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS, TOO.

H. (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. THE DEMOCRATIC NATION, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BRIDGE HIM.

P. YES SIR, BRIDGE HIM (UNINTELLIGIBLE). WE DON'T (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

H. OR NO, TELL HIM WHAT WE WANT HIM TO KNOW. I DON'T THINK YOU OUGHT TO BRIDGE HIM.

P. REP. OH, REEL NO!

H. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN IF JOHNSON CALLED YOU IN—

P. JOHNSON CALLED ME IN PLEASE.

H. OR NOT.

P. THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BRIDGE REASON.

H. IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRODUCE WHAT (UNINTELLIGIBLE) BECAUSE YOU'RE THE (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

P. IT'S IMPORTANT CASE THERE THAT ELIHU DID, COURSE

FRAUD. (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

I. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THERE.

P. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CRICKET (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

H. WHEN THE CRICKET IS IN THE CRICKET (UNINTELLIGIBLE), I'D JUST HAVE TO

H. OK. I'M NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING (UNINTELLIGIBLE). IT'S CRICKET.