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TO: PRIORITY TEHRAN.

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FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM WARNER

REF: TEHRAN   

1. WE WERE AWARE THAT MR. ASQUITH HAD BEEN HIRED AS AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS IN PROVIDENCE IN THE DRIVER CASE. HOWEVER, IT WAS MR. ASQUITH AMONG OTHERS WHO RAISED THE PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BETWEEN DEFENDANTS IN THE DRIVER CASE. SINCE MR. ASQUITH WAS ORIGINALLY HIRED BY LYMAN KIRKPATRICK AS HIS PERSONAL ATTORNEY, IT IS FELT KIRK HAS A PRIOR INTEREST AND ALSO A MORE IMMEDIATE INTEREST SINCE KIRK RESIDES WITHIN JURISDICTION OF THE RHODE ISLAND COURT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT THEY HAVE HIRED AS YOUR PERSONAL ATTORNEY FOR ALL THE MAIL INTERCEPT CASES CHARLES R. DONNENFELD, A PARTNER IN THE FIRM OF ARENT, FOX, KINTNER, FLOTAHO AND KAHN, TELEPHONE NO. (AC 202) 347-8500, A FIRM WITH 40 PARTNERS AND AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

3. FROM THE LAW DIRECTORY WE ACQUIRED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: MR. DONNENFELD WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN 15 AUGUST 1935; GRADUATED CUM LAUDE WITH A BS DEGREE BROOKLYN COLLEGE 1956; COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL 1960; WAS A TRIAL ATTORNEY, CIVIL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 1960-1964. BASED ON HIS BACKGROUND I WOULD THINK HE IS A GOOD CHOICE TO RAISE ISSUES OF JURISDICTION OVER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND PROTECTION OF INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS. WE WILL CONTACT MR. DONNENFELD AND BRIEF HIM ON THE PROGRAM AND LOOK OUT FOR YOUR INTERESTS AS BEST WE CAN UNTIL YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY MEET WITH MR. DONNENFELD.

REGARDS.

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