EYES ONLY FOR

1. I've discussed Ambassador Helms' trip to Cairo with and believe that a note to you on how the arrangements for it evolved would be helpful. is concerned because he wholeheartedly agrees with your observation that there are better ways to set up his participation in the trip than by playing catch-up. He regrets putting your people on this spot but explained to me the bind in which he finds himself.

2. The ambassador has been pessimistic all along about chances of actually completing the trip. He first discussed it with about four months ago but ordered not to make any security arrangements in effect, not to bother anyone until the ambassador was reasonably sure he was going. Therefore, was prevented from doing anything until the ambassador gave him the green light about three weeks ago.

3. The ambassador uses more as a security coordinator than a bodyguard and actually prefers to rely on the local services
TO: WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WHILE □ WOULD LIKE TO GO ALONG ON THE VARIOUS
PHASES IF IT'S PRACTICAL, □ TELLS ME THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITH SITTING IN CAIRO WHILE THE AMBASSADOR
AND MRS. HELMS COMPLETE THEIR TOUR - SO LONG AS THE EGYPTIAN
SERVICES PROVIDE PROTECTION.

AND I KNOW THAT THE AMBASSADOR LETS □ SET
UP SECURITY HOWEVER HE FEELS IS BEST.

4. □ HAS BEEN USING □ BECAUSE THE
AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM TO DO SO. THE AMBASSADOR IS PREPARED TO
CALL OF THE TRIP ON SHORT NOTICE IF NECESSARY BUT DOESN'T KANOE
WANT RUMOR AND SPECULATION ABOUT HIS VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE
U.S. TO RESULT FROM A CANCELLATION. HE BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT
THE FEWER PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT THE VISIT, THE BETTER. HENCE,

□ (OUR STATE C AND R IS LIKE A SIEVE
AND, TO MIX METAPHORS, THE AMBASSADOR CALLS THE WHOLE EMBASSY
A "CAVE OF THE WINDS", HE'S UNDERSTANDABLY SENSITIVE TO GOSSIP.)
5. Please explain to [ ] that, because of the Ambassador’s intentions, [ ] was not deliberately excluding him but was just following orders. [ ] and the Ambassador both remember working with [ ] in Frankfurt and look forward to seeing him again. [ ] anticipates working closely with [ ] on all security aspects of this visit and apologizes for any misunderstanding he may have inadvertently caused. In fact, if [ ] could communicate the security arrangements to [ ] (through [ ] and also meet [ ] at the airport on the 7th, [ ] would be most appreciative.

6. A final word. The Ambassador prefers discreet security coverage when this is possible. He lives up to his neck in guards here and looks upon these trips as a chance to get out from under protection to some extent. One reason why [ ] usually goes along on each segment is that he understands the Ambassador’s likes and dislikes regarding security coverage and makes adjustments (and accepts responsibility) accordingly.

7. Warm regards. Hope you and Mary T can visit Persia at some point.

Releasing Officer

Coordinating Officers