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January 24, 1987

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI *FC*

SUBJECT: Recent Actions in Response to Escalation of
Iran-Iraq War

Attached FYI are some actions taken thus far in response to
escalation of the Iran-Iraq war.

Attachment



24'87
San Memo for Regan from
Chew attached

cc Vice President
Donald Regan

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TO:

Dennis / Pat

FROM:

DONALD T. REGAN
CHIEF OF STAFF

CJ

We should build on
this -
urge prompt
release to public
of Comm's conclusions

WDR

Iran Arms Sale

Dec 17 86 Letter to Senators Durenberger
and Leahy from Sen Dole

BOB DOLE
KANSAS

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 17, 1986

The Honorable Dave Durenberger, Chairman
The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
SH-211, Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dave and Pat:

Your Committee has moved thoroughly and expeditiously to uncover many of the salient facts of the Iran arms sale controversy. In doing so, especially in this extended period before a special investigating committee could be formed and begin its work, you have performed an important service to the Senate.

It would be very useful to share with the rest of the Congress, and provide to the public, as much as possible of the information you have uncovered, consistent with the requirements of our national security. Release of this information would help the special investigating committee we are forming focus its own probe, and it will give the public a much clearer perspective, now, on what happened and how it could have happened.

As you wind up your hearings, I urge you to review the full record of your investigation; determine what information you have gathered needs to remain confidential; and immediately release all other information to the Congress and the public.

Sincerely yours,



BOB DOLE
Majority Leader

BD:alm

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1986

TR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN *PB*

Bill Bennett called, said he has been told by Larry's Shop not to speak on Irangate, which I think is a mistake. My advice to Bennett has been -- and would be -- to tell him to iterate the fundamental point: No matter what you think of arms to Iran, this has been a tremendous President who is under attack and he needs our support. Bennett is smart enough to stay completely away from the arcane details of Conragate, etc. Suggest we let him go and see how well he does. I think he'll do fine.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
NOTED BY DTR

January 24, 1987

DONALD T. REGAN:

FYI -- was sent to Camp David
on Saturday (directly by NSC
but they gave "us" this copy).

DC

David L. Chew

Please return to Chew. This
is original for Presidential
records.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TR

December 11, 1986

DONALD T. REGAN:

Dick would like to brief the President on the latest round of Iran numbers. He has the charts that show the improving trend since last Saturday.

He would be ready as early as Friday.

Yes, Friday

Yes, sometime

No

David

David Chew

David - ^{2:00 would it be possible} ^{if possible}
FYI - Mr. Regan has a doctor's appointment from 3-5. That will be difficult to change Brooke

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. NAZENIN ANSARI

SUBJECT: OPPOSES SENDING ARMS TO IRAN IN EXCHANGE FOR
HOSTAGES

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S/S # 8636104

DATE: December 23,
1986

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Dr. Alton G. Keel, Jr.
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Ms. Nazenin Ansari
DATE: November 11, 1986 SUBJECT: Opposes U.S. - Iran
Initiative

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: November 21, 1986 NSC# 444465

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REMARKS:

for Jordia Sarkis
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Ms. Nazenin Ansari, Representative
Young Constitutional Monarchists
of Iran
Post Office Box 9403
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Ms. Ansari:

I am replying to your message to President Reagan concerning the transfer of U.S. arms to Iran.

As President Reagan has explained, the Persian Gulf region is important to the United States, and to many of our allies as well, for a variety of strategic, economic, and political reasons. A quarter of the free world's oil flows through the Persian Gulf, and it is vital that Western access to that oil continues. The region is also a strategic focal point for the Soviet Union. The Soviets have long sought to expand their presence and control in the area, and the United States has an important stake in denying the Soviets the opportunity for such an expansion. The long, destructive war between Iran and Iraq also threatens the stability of the area.

In view of these conditions, the United States engaged in an effort to establish contacts with certain groups within the Iranian leadership to explore the possibility of forging a new and better relationship. This was done in order to encourage negotiations to end the war in the Gulf, prevent Soviet expansionism, end Iranian support for international terrorism, and effect the safe return of all hostages from Lebanon.

At a certain point, the U.S. Government was requested to furnish military materiel to Iran as a demonstration of our good faith and the seriousness with which we viewed contact with Iran. The President authorized shipment of a limited quantity of defensive arms to Iran after examining the issue. He realized the risks involved in giving this positive signal to Iran. However, the initiative did not have the outcome that was hoped for, in spite of the soundness of our goals.

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I am sending the enclosed material in the belief that you will find it of interest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George B. High". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

George B. High
Senior Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Public Affairs

Enclosure.

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NOVEMBER 21, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 444465

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. NAZENIN ANSARI
REPRESENTATIVE
YOUNG CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHISTS
OF IRAN
POST OFFICE BOX 9403
WASHINGTON DC 20016

SUBJECT: OPPOSES SENDING ARMS TO IRAN IN EXCHANGE FOR
HOSTAGES

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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YOUNG CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHISTS OF IRAN
P.O. BOX 9403, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016
(202) 362-7088

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h Kopelov

Monday, November 10, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Has America given in to terrorism? Are those responsible for the deaths of Americans in the Middle East being rewarded? Has the leader of the free world abandoned his ideal of expanding freedom and democracy all over the world? Have we, the seekers of freedom, justice, and democracy in Iran been spurned?

For the past eight years Iranians have been suffering and bleeding. Our cultural heritage has been destroyed and our national honor has been damaged. It is time that our pain and suffering came to an end.

As you may be aware, during the past year or so a rapidly growing Iranian resistance movement has been operating successfully. This movement-- nurtured by the principles of life, liberty, and democracy which are engrained in our Constitution of 1906-- intends to provide a prosperous future for our people and our nation, and a safe and stable environment for the international community.

It is evident that the Islamic Republic is disintegrating internally and externally. This fanatically evil regime is in its most vulnerable state of existence. The further release of Iranian assets and weapons to the hands of the vengeful mullahs will only intensify our nation's state of agony and the insecurity of the entire region, by prolonging their fanatic evil rule.

Mr. President, criminals should be punished not rewarded. We Iranians pray for the safe release of your hostages and our countrymen from the claws of tyranny and terror, generated by the Islamic Republic.

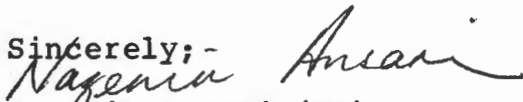
In this most unhappy period in the history of our nation, we

YOUNG CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHISTS OF IRAN
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too believe in the pursuit of happiness. This can not be achieved if the United States compromises with the most brutal and inhuman regime of our time.

Sincerely; -



Nazehin Ansari (Ms)

Representative

Young Constitutional Monarchists of Iran

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. NIHAD HAMED

SUBJECT: WRITES IN OPPOSITION TO SENDING OF ARMS TO
IRAM IN EXCHANGE FOR HOSTAGES

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Nihad Hamed
Secretary General
Federation of Islamic Associations
in the U.S. and Canada, Inc.
25351 Five Mile Road
Redford TWP, Michigan 48239

Dear Mr. Hamed:

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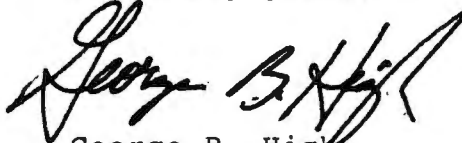
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Dr. Alton G. Keel, Jr.
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. Nihad Hamed
DATE: November 6, 1986 SUBJECT: Opposes U.S. - Iran
Initiative

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: November 21, 1986 NSC# 444487

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Executive Secretary

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. NIHAD HAMED
SECRETARY GENERAL
FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC ASSOCIATIONS
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA, INC.
25351 FIVE MILE ROAD
REDFORD TWP. MI 48239

SUBJECT: WRITES IN OPPOSITION TO SENDING OF ARMS TO
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في الولايات المتحدة وكندا

SECRETARY GENERAL
NIHAD HAMED

FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, INC.

THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: 25351 FIVE MILE ROAD, REDFORD TWP., MICHIGAN 48239, U.S.A.
TELEPHONE: (313) 535-0014 • (313) 535-0015 TELEX: 234064 CABLE: F.I.A. INC.

L. Kopets

November 6, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington D.C.

The shady terrorist arms deal with Iran puts our President, administration and country in a very bad situation.

Your ill-advised action is the most regrettable and most flagrant action to known norm of international and ethical laws.

The arms you sent to the Khomeini regime is a stab in the back to all our allies in the Middle East and in Europe, and a perpetuation of this senseless war that Iran insists on carrying on, and is against our national interests.

We are calling on you to redress this grave, flagrant mistake and respect the honor and protect the far-reaching interests of our country in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

Nihad Hamed
Nihad Hamed
Secretary general

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CHARLES Z. WICK

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON A DISCLOSURE REGARDING VOICE OF AMERICA LISTENERSHIP IN IRAN

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**United States
Information
Agency**

Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Director

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November 10, 1986

Dear John:

As a great friend and supporter of the Voice of America I thought you would be interested to learn that we have received reliable reports that Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini is a regular VOA listener. Dilip Hiro, a well-respected expert on Iran, was told by close Khomeini associates that the Ayatollah Khomeini carries a radio during his evening walks to listen to VOA.

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

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Dear Don:

As a great friend and supporter of the Voice of America I thought you would be interested to learn that we have received reliable reports that Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini is a regular VOA listener. Dilip Hiro, a well-respected expert on Iran, was told by close Khomeini associates that the Ayatollah Khomeini carries a radio during his evening walks to listen to VOA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Z. Wick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "W".

Charles Z. Wick
Director

The Honorable
Donald T. Regan
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House

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Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

The Honorable
Patrick J. Buchanan
Assistant to the President and
Director of Communications
The White House

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December 10, 1986

Dear Clark:

Thank you very much for your mailgram and generous words. I must confess this whole affair strikes me as a little strange. When, as a result of our own investigation (by the Attorney General), we discovered the thing about extra money supposedly transferred to the Contras, I went before the press and told them everything we had uncovered. Now, for going on three weeks, they have worked hard to build a case that I'm covering something up. I don't know one d--n thing more than I told them and am waiting myself to find out who did what and when. I'm rooting for the Special Counsel I asked for.

I don't know if I can live up to Josiah Hollands poem, but I'm going to try.

Again, thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. Clark Mollenhoff
805 McMath Circle
Lexington, Virginia 24450

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1986

PATSY SKIDMORE:

Could you type up drafts for
the attached and return them
to my office. Thank you.

DC

David L. Chew

*Route 60K informally
to Peter for
Clearance*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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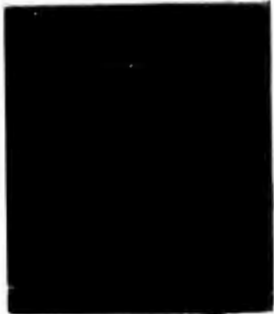
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1986

PETER WALLISON:

Would you please have the attached letters, which were written by the President, reviewed for accuracy and legal content. I would like to return these to the President by close of business today. Thanks.

David Chew



Lexington Va. 24450

Dear Clark

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Again thanks & Best Regards.

R.R.

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
CARE KATHY OSBORNE SECRETARY
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT YOUR WELCOME TELEPHONE CALL THE OTHER DAY WAS APPRECIATED, AND I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE AND APPLAUD YOUR RECENT PUBLIC COMMENT THAT YOU HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED USING AND EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE CLAIM RELATIVE TO THE IRAN MATTER,

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR SECURITY FOR GENUINE MILITARY SECURITY OR SENSITIVE FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, BUT THE TERM EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE IS A RED FLAG WITH IMPLICATION WITH COVERUP THERE OUR RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL JUDGES WHO CAN DECIDE ENCLOSED CHAMBERS THE LEGITIMACY OF CLAIMS OF MILITARY SECURITY OR SENSITIVE FOREIGN RELATIONS CONSIDERATION,

YOUR EARLY ASSURANCES OF A FULL ACCOUNTABILITY IS ONLY ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT DISTINGUISHES THE IRAN MATTER FROM WATERGATE, YOUR PRESENT ORDEAL IS NOT UNLIKE THE ORDEAL THAT ERNEST FITZGERALD HAS BEEN FORCED TO WEATHER IN FIGHTING AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT IN MILITARY WEAPONS PROCUREMENT OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS,

MR FITZGERALD, AN HONEST AND OPTIMISTIC IRISHMAN, HAS SURVIVED AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE PENTAGON BUREAUCRACY BECAUSE HIS HEART IS PURE-HE HAS HAD NOTHING TO HIDE,

IF YOU CONTINUE ON THE PRESENT FORTHRIGHT PATTERN, I AM SURE THAT YOU TOO WILL SURVIVE AND PROSPER, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES IN YOUR MIND WAS WORTH THE TEMPORARILY POLITICAL PROBLEMS IT HAS CAUSE FOR YOU EVEN AS THOSE OF LESSER FAITH HAVE WAVERED CONSIDERIBLY,

YOUR DEEP CONCERN FOR THE HOSTAGES IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE WARM AND HUMAN QUANTITIES THAT HAVE MADE YOU A POPULAR PRESIDENT EVEN WITH THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH YOU FROM TIME TO TIME, SENATOR IRVIN HAD A FAVORITE POEM BY JOSIAH HOLLAND THAT SEEMS APPLICABLE:

GOD GIVE US MEN, . . .
A TIME LIKE THIS DEMANDS
STRONG MINDS, GREAT HEARTS,
TRUE FAITH, AND READY HANDS,

MEN WHOM THE LUST OF OFFICE

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IF YOU CONTINUE ON THE FORTHRIGHT PATH THIS COULD BE YOUR FINEST HOUR
 AS LONG AS YOU ARE STRAIGHT, YOU ARE GALAHAD; HIS STRENGTH WAS AS
 THE STRENGTH OF 10 BECAUSE HIS HEART WAS PURE.

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS, THEY CAN BE THE BEST,
 CLARK R MOLLENHOFF 207 REID HALL WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
KATHY OSBORNE, SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

I phoned him
RR

AS THE AUTHOR OF "TEACHER" A POEM YOU HAVE QUOTED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THERE ARE MANY OF US OUT HERE WHO SUPPORT YOU AND FIND YOUR EXPLANATION OF THE IRANIAN DECISIONS TO BE REASONABLE AND WELL ARTICULATED DISPIE THE CONFUSIONS CREATED BY HOSTILE UNPROFESSIONAL PRESS QUESTIONS AND REPORTS.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT YOUR MOTIVES WERE OTHER THAN THE HIGHEST AND FOR THE MOST MERITORIOUS OBJECTIVES--TRYING TO ACHIEVE A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH SOME FACTION IN IRAN AND POSSIBLY FREEING HOSTAGES HELD IN LEBANON, IN THE LONG RUN I BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOUR MOTIVATIONS ARE PURE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL REACT IN A POSITIVE MANNER. LORD TENNYSON REMINDS US OF THE STRENGTH OF PURE MOTIVATIONS IN HIS DESCRIPTION OF SIR GALLAHAD: "HIS STRENGTH WAS AS THE STRENGTH OF TEN, BECAUSE HIS HEART WAS PURE."

YOURS WAS A COURAGEOUS DECISION TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTROVERSIAL GAMBLER IN THE IRANIAN MATTER, AND TO DEFEND THE SERIES OF DECISIONS AS BEING RIGHT EVEN AS THE PRESS EXPOSED THE SECRET EFFORT AND FANNED THE FLAMES OF CONTROVERSY.

WHILE THERE IS ROOM FOR REASONABLE (OR EVEN UNREASONABLE) DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THOSE DECISIONS, NONE OF YOUR CRITICS HAVE PRODUCED ANY EVIDENCE OF YOUR MOTIVES BEING OTHER THAN THE HIGHEST. I HAVE FAITH THAT IN THE LONG RUN, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THIS DISPIE HOSTILE PRESS REPORTS. WHILE I BELIEVE VERY MUCH IN THE RIGHT OF THE FREE PRESS TO QUESTION GOVERNMENT DECISIONS, I BELIEVE THAT TRUE PROFESSIONALS CAN MANAGE THIS QUESTIONING WITHOUT THE OPENLY HOSTILE AND LOADED RHETORIC THAT DOMINATED THE WEDNESDAY PRESS CONFERENCES. I WAS REASSURED IN MY BELIEF OF THE COMMON SENSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHEN SOME VIEWERS, WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS DEMOCRATS, REACTED WITH SHARP CRITICISM OF THE BARRAGE OF OBVIOUSLY HOSTILE QUESTIONS.

I AM SURE THAT YOU'LL FIND SOLACE AND REASSURANCE, AS I HAVE ON MANY OCCASIONS IN RUDYARD KIPLING'S POEM "IF". THE FIRST FOUR LINES ARE USUALLY ENOUGH:

"IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD WHEN ALL ABOUT YOU
ARE LOSING THEIRS AND BLAMING IT ON YOU;
IF YOU CAN TRUST YOURSELF WHEN ALL MEN DOUBT YOU,



BUT MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR DOUBTING TOO..."

WHILE I HAVE BEEN, AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PERSISTENT CRITIC OF PENTAGON PROCUREMENT MISMANAGEMENT, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR LAST TWO YEARS AS PRESIDENT.

IT IS OUR COUNTRY AND YOU ARE THE PRESIDENT WHO HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR AMERICANS TO EXPRESS PATRIOTIC SENTIMENTS WITHOUT MAKING APOLOGIES, THAT WAS A MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT, WITH WARMEST REGARDS,

CLARK R MOLLENHOFF
WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY
LEXINGTON VA

P.S. MY WIFE, JANE, JOINS ME IN THIS HEARTFELT MESSAGE OF SUPPORT THAT WE HOPE WILL IN SOME WAY OFF SET CURRENT CRITICISM.

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RESPONSE TO PINCUS / HOFFMAN ARTICLE

- o At the Administration's own initiative, Congressional leadership and other appropriate members have been contacted by Admiral Poindexter.
- o Admiral Poindexter explained that appropriate congressional committees will be briefed in full later, but at present the very sensitive nature of the channels being used prevent us from providing details. The welfare of the hostages, as well as our efforts to free them would be jeopardized if what we told Congress were to become public.
- o We will not comment on the Pincus / Hoffman story further than to note that it contains errors of fact and inference, e.g.:

-- Admiral Poindexter did not concede "a miscalculation", nor does he or anyone involved believe there has been any miscalculation.

-- Nothing has been done for the purpose of circumventing Congress.

-- All appropriate agencies were involved in the efforts to free the hostages.

-- There has been no mention of a trip to Tehran by an envoy.

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