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CITE DIRECTOR []

TO: PRIORITY TEHRAN.

EYES ONLY AMBASSADOR HELMS

REF: TEHRAN []

1. TOM KARAMESSINES CAME TO HEADQUARTERS 10 MAY AND REVIEWED THE SSC DRAFT REPORT. HE TOOK PARTICULAR ISSUE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF [] TOM CALLED MR. FRED BARON OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE STAFF AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE CONCLUSIONS IN THAT PARAGRAPH WERE GROSSLY UNFAIR AND BORDERED ON DISHONESTY IN LIGHT OF THE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE SUPPLIED TO THE COMMITTEE. HE SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT THE CABLE TRAFFIC AND CALENDAR PADS WHICH SHOWED MEETINGS AFTER 15 OCTOBER. BARON INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS IT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENATE STAFF.

2. YOUR NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED IN TOM'S CONVERSATION WITH MR. BARON ON THE GROUNDS THAT SHOULD YOU CARE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT WHEN THE MATERIAL IS PUBLISHED YOU WOULD NOT BE ENCUMBERED BY TOM'S REMARKS TO THE STAFF. WE SEE NO NEED TO ASK YOU TO SUBMIT ANY STATEMENTS TO THE SENATE STAFF AT THIS TIME. REGARDS. E2 IMPDET.
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