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3 August 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Recollections of Canadian Requests in
1979

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[REDACTED] who has been out of town for the last month, phoned early morning 3 August and the undersigned asked him if he recollected the meeting in 1979, with a ranking Canadian security official in then DDCI Carlucci's office. The Canadian made the dramatic announcement at this meeting that six American Embassy officials had taken refuge in the Canadian Embassy in Tehran. [REDACTED] did not recall any mention by the Canadian that the U.S. Congress should not be briefed. He did recall how frightened the participants were for the lives of the Americans and the 15 Canadians, who were now also at risk. He also recalled the phrase, "this should not be discussed outside these four walls." When I asked if he remembered Carlucci saying he would have to brief the President, [REDACTED] said he thought that was right. He added that the Canadian was very up-tight and that as the weeks following this meeting progressed, the Canadian Government was taking a lot of political heat to pull all of their people out of Tehran. The Canadian did take their embassy down to the absolute minimum required to support our six people. Several times [REDACTED] had to plead with the Canadians for a few more days before we could organize the rescue. The Canadians did pull out the remainder of their people immediately after ours left.

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