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PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR HELMS

1: A LETTER DATED 16 NOVEMBER WAS RECEIVED ON 26 NOVEMBER
 ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR HELMS BY MR. CARL MARCY, CHIEF OF STAFF
 OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, ON BEHALF OF
 SENATOR PERCY. MRS. HELMS OPENED IT AND REQUESTED WE CABLE IT
 TO AMBASSADOR HELMS IN CASE HE MAY WISH TO RESPOND WHILE IN
 WASHINGTON. TEXT FOLLOWS. NOVEMBER 16, 1973

"DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I AM WRITING TO YOU AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR PERCY ABOUT A
 PORTION OF YOUR TESTIMONY ON FEBRUARY 7, 1973, IN EXECUTIVE
 SESSION BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO THE
 TRANSCRIPT OF THAT MEETING, THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE:

'SENATOR PERCY, AND SPECIFICALLY, IN THE CASE OF ITT,
 HAS ANY CALL EVER BEEN MADE BY ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE
 AGENCY TO ANY OTHER AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF ITT TO

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RELATE WHAT THEY MAY HAVE DONE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND TO CONVEY TO ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN ANOTHER AGENCY INVOLVED IN A DECISION AFFECTING ITT THAT THIS COMPANY WAS EXCEPTIONALLY COOPERATIVE WITH CIA?

'MR. HELSM, NO, SIR. THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A CENT OF MONEY, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, EVER GO TO ITT FROM THE CIA FOR SUCH PURPOSES.'

SINCE THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE REPLY, SENATOR PERCY HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU BE GIVEN ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS PARTICULAR EXCHANGE BEFORE THE TRANSCRIPT IS PUBLISHED.

I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU ON THIS MATTER AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

/S/ CARL MARCY"

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