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FM GENERAL G J EADE DCINCEUR HQ USEUCOM VAIHINGEN GERMANY
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C O N F I D E N T I A L EYES ONLY VHN 1430

1. GENERAL ABRAMS, CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH GENERAL WILLIAMSON & CINCEUR, RELATIVE TO GENERAL WILLIAMSON'S PROPOSED NEW ASSIGNMENT AS DIRECTOR, SECURITY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORATE, HQ USEUCOM, AND THE PLANNED ARRIVAL OF MAJOR GENERAL DEVOL BRETT ON OR ABOUT 1 SEP 73. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE WISHES OF THE SHAH TO HAVE THE BEST QUALIFIED OFFICER REPLACE THE CURRENT MAAG CHIEF, BRETT WILL ATTEND VARIOUS STATE/DOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE SEMINARS AND WILL UNDERGO SPECIAL COURSES IN HELICOPTER TRAINING, WEAPONRY, AND HELO EMPLOYMENT. WILLIAMSON'S DEPARTURE FROM IRAN WILL, OF COURSE, BE PREDICATED ON A RELEASE DATE ESTABLISHED BY YOU AND ACCEPTABLE TO HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

2. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO SOLICIT YOUR VIEWS ON WHEN WILLIAMSON CAN BE RELEASED AND WHETHER A GAP IS ACCEPTABLE. I CONSIDER GENERAL LEO SOUCEK HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND CAPABLE OF RUNNING THE OPERATION IN THE EVENT OF A GAP, AND OF COURSE SOUCEK HAS THE ABLE ASSISTANCE OF

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GENERAL DAN DRUEN. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.
WITH THANKS AND WARM REGARDS.

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