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TO: MR. LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER (EYES ONLY), WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON

FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN

1. SORRY THAT I HAVE BEEN SLOW IN COMING UP WITH SUGGESTIONS RE INR JOB, BUT I HAVE BEEN SWITCHING AND SWATTING IN MY MIND OVER TYPE OF BACKGROUND INDIVIDUAL SHOULD HAVE UNDERNEW CONCEPTION OF INR ROLE IN DEPARTMENT. I FINALLY CAME DOWN ON SIDE OF RECOMMENDING AN FSO. SUCH AN OFFICER WOULD PROBABLY WORK MORE HARMONIOUSLY WITH THE BUREAUS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TAKING LESS BACKTALK FROM THEM. HE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT DEPARTMENT WITH CIA AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MORE REALISTICALLY AND MORE SUREFOOTEDLY. SAM BERGER, WHOM WE DISCUSSED IN SAN CLEMENTE, MIGHT BE GOOD TO GET THIS STARTED. HE IS SMART, TOUGH, WELL-ROUNDED IN EXPERIENCE, AND HAS NO PREVIOUS INR IDENTIFICATION TO MAKE HIM UNHAPPY OVER ITS CHANGED MISSION AND SMALLER SIZE.

2. IF IT WERE DECIDED TO GO OTHER THAN THE FSO ROUTE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT JOHN HUGHES OF DIA, WHO IS EXPERIENCED IN THE REQUIREMENTS AND COORDINATION FIELD AND HAS A GOOD

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BACKGROUND. AS FOR CIA OFFICERS I AM
OUT OF TOUCH AS TO WHO HAS RETIRED AND WHO IS STILL THERE.
COLBY WILL PLAY FAIR IF YOU WANT TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE
CANDIDATES WITH HIM.

3. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET OUR CONVERSATION RE DOUG HECK.
HE IS EN ROUTE HOME BY SLOW STAGES VIA ASIA BUT WILL BE IN
THE DEPARTMENT AROUND OCTOBER 10 FOR CONSULTATION BEFORE
COMPLETING HIS HOME LEAVE.

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