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TO: TEHRAN.

AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM COLBY

REF: TEHRAN

1. THANKS FOR YOUR CABLE OF THE 25TH AND YOUR CONTINUING INTEREST AND SUPPORT IN COPING WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS. ACTUALLY THINGS HAVE BEEN MOVING MORE SLOWLY THAN EXPECTED IN SENATE ARMED SERVICES DUE TO CURRENT PREOCCUPATION WITH THE TRIDENT PROGRAM, FORCE REDUCTIONS, ETC., AND THE FACT THAT STENNIS' RECOVERY CONTINUES SLOW AND SOME OF HIS TIME HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO THE CURRENT TRIAL OF HIS ASSAILANTS.

2. MOST RECENT PRESSURE FOR AN AGENCY POSITION REGARDING POSSIBLE NEW LEGISLATION HAS COME FROM NEDZI WHO IS NOW PREPARING REPORT AND HAS CALLED ON US FOR SUGGESTED LEGISLATION HE CAN INCLUDE IN HIS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS. IN RESPONSE WE HAVE PROPOSED, AS A BASIS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION ONLY, THE FOLLOWING:

A. THAT SECTION 102 OF THE ACT BE AMENDED BY INSERTING THE WORD "FOREIGN" BEFORE THE WORD "INTELLIGENCE" WHEREVER IT APPEARS.

B. ADDING TO THE PROVISIONS MAKING THE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE

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FOR PROTECTING INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS, THE WORDS "AND PURSUANT TO THAT RESPONSIBILITY HE SHALL DEVELOP APPROPRIATE PLANS, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS AND REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION ANY VIOLATION OF SUCH PLANS, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS."

C. ADDING A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH 102(G) AS FOLLOWS:

(G) NOTHING IN THIS OR ANY OTHER ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS AUTHORIZING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO ENGAGE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR IN COOPERATION OR CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, ORGANIZATION, OR INDIVIDUAL IN ANY POLICE OR POLICE-TYPE OPERATION OR ACTIVITY, ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION OR ACTIVITY, OR ANY INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATION OR ACTIVITY: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FROM PROTECTING ITSSINSTALLATIONS OR CONDUCTING PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS OF AGENCY EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ACCESS TO SENSITIVE AGENCY INFORMATION; NOR FROM CARRYING ON WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF ITS FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITIES; NOR FROM PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THOSE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MATTERS INVOLVED.

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3. WE HOPE THIS WILL SATISFY NEDZI, OR AT LEAST APPEASE HIM FOR THE MOMENT. SO FAR AS THE SENATE SIDE IS CONCERNED WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED TO BRASWELL, AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY, THE CHANGES DESCRIBED IN A. AND B. ABOVE, AND IN ADDITION AMENDING SECTION 102(D) (5) BY DELETING THE FOLLOWING PARENTHETICAL LANGUAGE AND ADDING THE FOLLOWING UNDERSCORED LANGUAGE:

(5) TO PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES (RELATED TO INTELLIGENCE) AFFECTING THE NATIONAL SECURITY (AS) (BEGIN UNDERSCORED PORTION) RELATED TO THE FIELD OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AS MAY BE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (END UNDERSCORED PORTION) (MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DIRECT) (BEGIN UNDERSCORED PORTION) AND REPORTED TO THE CONGRESS IN THE MANNER THE CONGRESS PRESCRIBES. (END UNDERSCORED PORTION)

4. THIS MATERIAL HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN PASSED TO THE STAFFS OF OUR TWO ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES AND ON AN INFORMAL BASIS PRIOR TO OMB CLEARANCE. WE HAVE YET RECEIVED NO CONSIDERED RESPONSE FROM THEM. AS SOON AS WE GET A MZANINGFUL REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO PUSH THEM VIGOROUSLY, OR PERHAPS SUGGEST VARIATIONS. WE WILL CERTAINLY CALL ON YOU FOR HELP AND HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN YOUR OWN GOOD SENSE IN ANY INITIATIVE YOU THINK

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APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANTIME.

5. JACK MAURY HAS SHOWN ME YOUR LETTER TO HIM OF 19 SEPTEMBER AND IS SENDING YOU VIA APO THE FULL TEXT OF THE MATERIAL WHICH I HAVE QUOTED FROM ABOVE. I FULLY SHARE THE CONCERN WHICH YOU MENTION IN YOUR LETTER TO JACK ABOUT THE MISCHIEF DONE BY STENNIS' PUBLIC STATEMENTS IMPLICATING THE AGENCY IN THE BURGLARY OF ELLSBERG'S PSYCHIATRIST AND HOPEFULLY WILL FIND THE OPPORTUNITY TO TACTFULLY RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIM.

6. AGAIN MANY THANKS AND ALL THE BEST. E2 IMPDET.

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