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TO: TEHRAN INFO DIRECTOR.

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FOR HELMS FROM

1. BRIGADIER ABUD SALIM, WHOM YOU MET WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WHEN YOU VISITED HERE, AND POSSIBLY DURING ONE OF HIS VISITS TO HQS, WILL BE VISITING IRAN FOR ONE WEEK STARTING 5 MAY. ABUD IS NOW C-IN-C OF THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE AND WILL BE IN IRAN TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE AS GUEST OF CHIEF OF IIAF, GENERAL KHATEMI.

2. ABUD IS A GREAT ADMIRER OF YOURS AND WOULD LIKE TO PAY A CALL ON YOU. HE WILL TELEPHONE YOUR OFFICE TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT ONCE HE KNOWS HIS OWN SCHEDULE.

3. FYI: ONE OF THE POINTS ABUD WILL TAKE UP WITH KHATEMI IS THE POSSIBILITY OF JORDAN OBTAINING 20 IRANIAN F-5A'S WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE UP FOR DISPOSAL SOME TIME THIS YEAR. ABUD INFORMALLY MAY SOUND OUT KHATEMI ON POSSIBILITY OF IIAF TRANSFERRING SURPLUS F-5A'S, PURCHASED BY IRAN UNDER FMS, TO JORDAN GRATIS. WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY APPROVED ALLOCATION OF 20 IRANIAN F-5A'S BECOMING SURPLUS NEXT YEAR. IF THEY WERE SUPPLIED BY U.S. AS GRANT WE HAVE TO CHARGE JORDAN. IF IRAN BOUGHT THEM UNDER FMS THEY CAN GIVE THEM TO JORDAN. E2, IMPDET.

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