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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY FOR HELMS FROM BYROADE

HAVE JUST RETURNED TO POST TO FIND THAT ROBERT MANTEL OF OMB IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT HERE IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. HE IS UNKNOWN TO ANYONE HERE AND OUR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF HIS POSITION MAKES APPROPRIATE SCHEDULING DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY AS FAR AS APPOINTMENTS WITH PAISTANIS ARE CONCERNED.

OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROBLEMS HERE ARE NOW SO ACUTE THAT I DO NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR IMPRESSION FROM HIS VISIT TEHRAN OF HIS IMPORTANCE IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE FIELD IN OMOUK

I TRIED QUITE HARD TO RETURN HERE THROUGH TEHRAN IN ORDER TO TALK TO YOU, BUT THE SCHEDULE JUST COULD NOT WORK OUT. WARMEST REGARDS.

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