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TO: PRIORITY TEHRAN.

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FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS

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1. PER YOUR SUGGESTION, JOHN GREANEY MET WITH DONNENFELD ON 17 DECEMBER PROVIDING DONNENFELD WITH A COPY OF REF A ANSWERS. DONNENFELD AGREED TO REVIEW ANSWERS AND WILL SEND YOU HIS COMMENTS VIA THIS CHANNEL ABOUT 22 DECEMBER. NSCID 5 WAS DISCUSSED WITH DONNENFELD AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT HE REVIEW THE REPORTED CASE ON HEINE VS. RAUS. DONNENFELD HAD MEETING IN NEW YORK ON 15 DECEMBER WITH OTHER DEFENSE COUNSEL WHO GENERALLY OUTLINED THEIR VIEWS ON THE CASES.

2. SAN FRANCISCO CASE HAS A HEARING SET FOR 18 DECEMBER AT WHICH TIME THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASK COURT TO ORDER PLAINTIFF TO BE IDENTIFIED AND DELAY ALL ANSWERS AND DISCOVERY UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER PLAINTIFF HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. SPECULATION IS PLAINTIFF MAY BE FORMER AGENCY EMPLOYEE. DONNENFELD HAS ENGAGED LOCAL COUNSEL IN SAN FRANCISCO TO REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS. HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO THAT COUNSEL AT DECEMBER 18 HEARING WERE KEEP LOW PROFILE AND LET GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS TAKE THE LEAD IN PRESENTING ARGUMENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS NOT MADE UP ITS MIND ON REPRESENTATION IN CHANDLER CASE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO POSTPONE DATE FOR ANSWERS TO BE FILED, NO SOONER THAN 9 JANUARY AND POSSIBLY LATER IF ALL DEFENDANTS HAVE NOT BEEN SERVED. WE QUERY JUSTICE DAILY ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL FOR THAT CASE AND WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS THEY DECIDE. REGARDS.

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