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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ATTEMPTED TO SUBPOENA ME TO APPEAR ON 24 JUNE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR SO-CALLED "OCTOBER SURPRISE" INVESTIGATION. THE SUBPOENA WAS SENT TO MY LAWYER, JUDAH BEST, WHO RETURNED IT TO THE COMMITTEE SINCE HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF A SUBPOENA.
2. MR. BEST ALSO ALSO INFORMED EVAN T. BARR OF THE OCTOBER SURPRISE INVESTIGATION OF MY WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE "SOMETIME IN THE EARLY FALL."
3. I HAVE NO CONCRETE PLANS TO RETURN TO THE U. S. AT THIS POINT. BUT SEPTEMBER WOULD APPEAR TO BE A LOGICAL TIME TO DO SO. IF THE OCTOBER SURPRISE INVESTIGATION CONTACTS THE DEPARTMENT, I REQUEST THAT YOU TELL THEM OF MY INTENTION TO COOPERATE FULLY WHEN I RETURN TO THE STATES, PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER. ANY OTHER INQUIRIES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO MY LAWYER, JUDAH BEST.

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MR. BEST ASKS THAT I SPECIFICALLY REQUEST YOU NOT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF A SUBPOENA IF THE COMMITTEE ATTEMPTS TO DELIVER ONE TO YOU. HE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED IF SUCH AN ACTION TAKES PLACE.

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