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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

RON:

THE ATTACHED SHOULD MAKE YOU FEEL JUSTIFIED IN  
YOUR ACTION AGAINST ANDREW.

A TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF HIS FAILURE TO  
COORDINATE WITH NSC AND THUS ~~X~~ AVOID SUCH SNAFUS.

LET'S JUST LET THIS PASS AS HE PASSES OUT OF  
OUR REALM.

FYI: HE IS STILL TELLING PEOPLE THAT HE IS  
GOING TO JAPAN WITH THE PRESIDENT.

LES



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PLEASE PASS TO WHITE HOUSE  
E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFDR, IR, US  
SUBJ: ARTICLE IN IRAN FREE PRESS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI SUMMONED ME WEDNESDAY MORNING FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ARTICLE IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1974 EDITION OF IRAN FREE PRESS WITH HEADLINE TO EFFECT THAT "IRAN DEMANDS REMOVAL OF HELMS AS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN". AFTER ACIDLY COMMENTING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW BY WHAT RIGHT THE IRAN FREE PRESS SPOKE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, KHALATBARI POINTED TO THE REPRODUCTION ON THE SAME PAGE OF A LETTER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE IRAN FREE PRESS DATED OCTOBER 1, 1974 AND SIGNED BY MR FALKIEWICZ, DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTED THAT HE FELT IT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT AN OFFICIAL AT THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD WRITE A LETTER WHICH IMPLIED RECOGNITION OF THE IRAN FREE PRESS! CHARGES BY STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD "STUDY THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR LETTER". AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, KHALATBARI WAS PREPARED TO AGREE THAT MR FALKIEWICZ PROBABLY DID NOT KNOW THE BACKGROUND OF THE IRAN FREE PRESS AND THAT THE LETTER WAS SIMPLY A PRO FORMA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE OPEN LETTER. IN ANY EVENT, THIS IS THE BURDEN OF MY DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALTHOUGH HE REPEATED THE POINTS ABOVE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE SHAH TO MAKE THESE COMMENTS, AND I WAS OBLIGED TO AGREE THAT I WOULD PASS THEM TO WASHINGTON.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, NASSER AFSHAH (ALSO KNOWN AS NASSER AFSHAR GHOTLI) IS THE EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE IRAN FREE PRESS, WHICH IS A VIRULENT ANTI-SHAH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON. AFSHAR IS UNDER SENTENCE IN IRAN TO SERVE 22 TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT OF THREE YEARS ON 22 COUNTS OF EMBEZZLEMENT. THE SENTENCE HAS NEVER BEEN CARRIED OUT, BECAUSE AFSHAR FLED IRAN BEFORE IT COULD BE EXECUTED. THE GOI HAS REPEATEDLY SOUGHT

\*\*\*\*\*WHSR COMMENT\*\*\*\*\*

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AFSHAR'S EXTRADITION FROM THE UNITED STATES, BUT HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF AN EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN.

3. THE ST LOUIS POST DISPATCH IN AN EDITORIAL ON OCTOBER 22, 1974, APPEARS TO HAVE PICKED UP THE IRAN FREE PRESS MATERIAL SINCE IT STARTS OFF ITS EDITORIAL WITH THE SENTENCE: "THE SHAH OF IRAN IS REPORTED TO BE EMBARRASSED BY THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR RICHARD M HELMS IN TEHRAN AND MAY ASK THE WHITE HOUSE FOR A REPLACEMENT."

HELMS

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*Bill*

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FEB 20 1950

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NBC TO START  
TALKING ABOUT SIMPLE  
"AGRARIAN REFORMERS"  
TRYING TO REMOVE A  
CORRUPT REGIME.  
SUCH BULLSHIT!

*for*

Communists Capture Phuoc Binh

JOHN CHANCELLOR: North Vietnamese troops today completed the capture of a provincial capital in South Vietnam, Phuoc Binh city, and with it the capture of an entire province, Phuoc Long.

The loss of Phuoc Long is the most serious setback suffered by the government of South Vietnam since the proclamation of the cease-fire almost two years ago.

For almost four weeks now units of the North Vietnamese 7th Division pounded the countryside around the district capital with heavy artillery attacks. Then tanks were put into the fight for the town of Phuoc Binh.

Thirty thousand civilians fled the countryside looking for refuge in the town. The extent of the casualties among them and among the 10,000 defenders of Phuoc Binh is not known yet, but the government thinks they may have been heavy.

The loss of Phuoc Binh led President THIEU to proclaim three days of national mourning. But there is a greater significance in what is happening now in South Vietnam than the loss of a single province.

Jack Reynolds, who covers SE Asia for us, has just returned from South Vietnam and he has an analysis of the situation in that country.

JACY REYNOLDS: The fall of Phuoc Long province gives the North Vietnamese an important psychological victory. It also gives them a number of military advantages.

First, they now control a large area adjacent to the Cambodian border. It can be tied into a major highway

On the South Vietnamese side the loss of Phuoc Long province will not help the morale of the army. Desertion rates are running at an almost record high.

It will also not help the government of President THIEU. He faces an internal challenge from anti-corruption forces, soaring inflation and increasingly vocal political opposition and he's up for re-election this year.

It's probable that the fighting at Phuoc Long is only part of a long and carefully planned offensive to unseat THIEU and to bring to power a South Vietnamese administration with which the enemy can negotiate a coalition government.

Enterprise and Vietnam Rumors

CHANCELLOR: Early today American diplomatic sources in Saigon reported that the aircraft carrier Enterprise and five support vessels had set sail from Subic Bay in the Philippines in the direction of South Vietnam.

The United States has about nine naval vessels operating in international waters off South Vietnam, and there was immediate speculation about possible military intervention because of the fall of Phuoc Long province.

At once the Pentagon and later the White House denied that the Enterprise was even headed in the direction of South Vietnam. The Pentagon said the big carrier was headed SW, presumably toward the Straits of Malacca.

Phuoc Long Province Communist

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January 10, 1975

**MEMORANDUM FOR: LES JANKA**  
**FROM: RON NESSEN**

**Harry Schweid, AP, is doing a long story on detente and has requested answers to the following questions in the President's name:**

- 1. What is the state of detente?**
- 2. What is the prospect for further accommodations with Russia?  
with China?**
- 3. How is detente progressing since Ford became President?**
- 4. Is Senator Jackson or other critics hurting detente?**
- 5. Are there any changes in the plans for Chairman Brezhnev to come here in May or June?**

**I didn't get any sense that Schweid needed the answers in the next day or so. But if it is possible to provide the answers, let's do it.**

**RN/cg**





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Les Sanja

Any recommenda-  
tion on this?

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August 20, 1976

Ronald H. Nessen  
Press Secretary to the President  
Executive Office of the President  
The White House Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen,

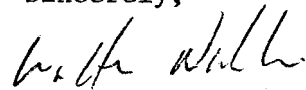
The October 1972 issue of European Community ran, on facing pages, statements by the Republican and Democratic Presidential nominees on the subject of American relations with West Europe in general and with the Common Market in particular. We would, of course, like to do this again.

This letter represents a formal request to President Ford to write 1000-1500 words on the above subject. His views would appear opposite those of Mr. Carter. The copy deadline is Friday, 10 September.

I enclose copies of the 1972 issue as well as the most recent editions. European Community is the monthly magazine published by the EEC Commission in the United States. It is read by approximately 35,000 Americans---in academia, business, labor, and government---in short, anyone with a personal or professional interest in Europe and US-European relations.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Walter Nicklin  
Editor  
European Community

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cc: Mr. William Rahatican, Communications Dept., Press Office