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Reagan as Victim of Press Scourging

Ronald Reagan appears to have weathered the Iran-contra storm, unruffled by the howling voices on Capitol Hill and the scowling reporters who dog him. I visited him in the Oval Office on the day Lt. Col. Oliver L. North began his testimony. The president seemed unperturbed by the mini-furors exploding around him, and was still a conciliatory figure, with the same infectious amiability.

The same appeal was at work in his voice, an instrument made pleasing to the ear by the affections, enthusiasms and sorrows that played through it. But I thought I detected a slight shrillness, just a hint of acrimony, in his tone when he spoke about press coverage of the Iran-contra scandal.

The president said he had been too busy to watch North's appearance, except for 10 minutes of highlights during lunch. He understood that the colonel's testimony confirmed his statement that he had not been told about the diversion of funds to aid the contras.

Yet none of the television reporters had mentioned this, he complained, in their summaries of the testimony.

Reagan reiterated that he had no advance knowledge of the illegal use of excess profits from the arms sales to Iran, that he wasn't even told the Iranians paid an above-market price for the American arms. The U.S. government, he said, collected the full market price—\$12 million. "I'm still trying to find out who raised the price," he said.

For his first six years in the White House, Reagan floated cheerfully above such squalls as mere reporters could stir, secure in the esteem of a majority of Americans. Try as they did, reporters could not find a story that would shatter the Reagan imagery. Not until the Iran-contra scandal exploded upon the front pages were they able to crack the shell of immunity that surrounded Reagan.

Yet he feels he has been a victim of press scourging that has illuminated every mishap in his administration. The process is described inside the White House as "pig piling." Accusation after accusation against the Reagan administration has been highlighted in the news media. Most charges have been ill-founded, overblown or oversimplified, the president feels. But as they have piled up, they have created an atmosphere around Reagan that stifles his ability to govern.

I heard these complaints less from the president than from his assistants. He merely made a kidding remark about the "tough time" this column occasionally has given him. But his embattled aides are deadly serious about the news media assault upon the president.

All Reagan wants is the kind of neutrality asked of the Lord in the story about the country boy who was running along a railroad track inside a long, narrow tunnel while a train bore down on him from behind.

As hope of escape withered, he cried out, "Lord, if you can't help ME, for God's sake don't help the train!"

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Reagan Interview Worried Poindexter

Rear Adm. John M. Poindexter, President Reagan's former national security adviser, testified last week that he was "very nervous" and even "alarmed" when he learned that Reagan had confidentially confirmed the existence of the secret Iran initiative for us more than a year ago.

Poindexter's first admission came during adroit questioning by Rep. James A. Courter (R-N.J.). The 45-year-old former prosecutor and Peace Corps volunteer, now in his fifth term, has become an influential member of the Iran-contra committee and the House as a whole.

Courter led Poindexter carefully through a series of the admiral's own statements that Reagan was concerned with a strategic opening to Iran, "not just hostages for weapons," as Courter summarized it. The congressman then said:

"Finally, I would like to say that it would be nice—it would be just wonderful if we had a tape recording of the president of the United States very early in 1986, and a transcript of same, stating what the president's real intentions were with the Iranian initiative way back in February 1986.

"The point I'm trying to make is, we have precisely that. We have a contemporaneous interview with the president of the United States and a nationally syndicated columnist, Dale Van Atta, who works with Jack Anderson."

Courter then displayed the transcript and read excerpts from our tape-recorded interview, which took place in the Oval Office on Feb. 24, 1986. Courter called the date "quite significant—it is between the first two shipments [of weapons directly] from the United States to Iran."

As a matter of fact, the interview comprises the only taped comments by Reagan in the early stages of the initiative that tell why he was doing what he was doing.

In the interview, Reagan addressed mainly the strategic reasons for negotiations with Iran: the need to establish a "relationship" with Tehran, recognizing that "we do not want to make enemies of those who . . . could be friends."

After Courter read from the transcript, which the president had required us to keep off the record until recently, Poindexter responded:

"I would just simply like to confirm that, indeed, the president did say those things . . . I frankly was very nervous that [the president] had told Mr. Van Atta an awful lot of information. And I just hoped it would remain quiet—as it did, in fact. They held to their word."

Entreated by the White House, we did hold the story—until April 28, 1986, after the U.S. bombing of Libya in retaliation for its alleged terrorist activities. Convinced that a dangerous disinformation campaign was in progress, we began revealing pieces of the secret Iranian initiative—and finally stated it flat-out in a column on June 29, 1986.

"We can now reveal that the secret negotiations over arms supply and release of American hostages have involved members of the National Security Council and a former official of the CIA," the column reported.

It remained for an obscure Lebanese magazine and a top Iranian official to confirm our story last November.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 10, 1988

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: REAR ADMIRAL FRANK C. COLLINS JR.

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE CURRENT SITUATION IN
IRAN AND THE WEAKENING HOLD BY KHOMEINI,
OFFERING HIS SERVICE IN CONTACTING ANTI-
GOVERNMENT IRANIANS

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COMMENTS: FORMER CHIEF ADVISOR TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN NAVY ADMIRAL, KAMAL
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8807717

Date March 23, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Rear Admiral Frank C. Collins, USN (Ret)

Date: March 7, 1988

Subject: Current situation in Iran and the weakening hold by Khomeini, offering his service in contacting anti-government Iranians

WH Referral Dated: March 15, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 553433

The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

A draft reply is attached.

A draft reply will be forwarded.

A translation is attached.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.

Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

Mary Q. Haines
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 22, 1988

Rear Admiral Frank C. Collins, Jr.
U.S. Navy (Retired)
5819 Colfax Avenue
Alexandria, Va. 22311

Dear Admiral Collins:

I have been asked to reply to your recent letter to the President regarding a meeting with Admiral Kamal Habibollahi, formerly of the Iranian navy. The President has publicly stated that we recognize the Iranian revolution, and it is not U.S. policy to intervene in the internal affairs of Iran. My colleagues and I are always ready, however, to meet with Iranians who simply want to offer their views on the present situation in Iran. If either you or Admiral Habibollahi would like to have a general discussion of U.S. policy towards Iran or political events in that country I would be happy to meet with you.

If you are interested in pursuing such a discussion, I can be reached at the State Department at (202) 647-5692.

Sincerely,

Laurence Pope
Director of Northern
Gulf Affairs

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FRANK C. COLLINS ASSOCIATES
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ALEXANDRIA VA 22311

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

7 March 1988

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Dear Mr President;

You are now on the home stretch of a successful presidency, the first "two termer" since President Eisenhower. If you will recall, the key to your landslide success over Mr Carter was the manner in which he failed to successfully handle the Iranian Hostage Crisis. Since you are not a candidate to succeed yourself, "Irangate" may not be a significant factor to you. However, as the last Chief Advisor to the Commander in Chief of the Imperial Iranian Navy, Admiral Kamal Habibollahi, before and during the revolution which toppled the Shah, it is most important to me.

I still maintain real time contact with my Iranian friends with whom I worked in Teheran during the turbulent years of 1978-79. Their intelligence plus the media releases leads me to believe that for the first time in 9 long years there is a credible sign of Khomeini's weakening grasp on the will of Iranians. I believe that before you leave office you could redeem the disservice which Col North and Adm Poindexter did to your administration by their ill-advised, though highest motive, attempts to get our hostages freed.

My Iranian friends tell me that the Iranians are very tired of the war and of the disaster which Khomeini has brought to their nation. Should we not take advantage of that weakened hold to accelerate the Ahyatollah's departure and the installation of a government who could restore the friendly relationship with which we enjoyed with Iran during the pre-revolutionary years ?

Would it not be at least worth getting together with knowledgeable Iranians who love and long for their country and who know the mind of Khomeini and their fellow Iranians better than any of our "experts" to discover what they might recommend ? I believe that it would be a move which could consolidate you as a wise, freedom-loving and action oriented president for history to revere.

Please give me a call at 998 5434 or 931 2888 if you are interested in investigating this further.

Sincerest regards



F.C. Collins, Jr.

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C., 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 17, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: LT. GENERAL M. AMJADI

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE IRANIAN MOJAHEDIN PARTY
LED BY M. RAJAVI AND ITS ALLEGED BRAINWASHING
OF AMERICAN YOUTH

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Date March 23, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Lt. General M. Amjadi

Date: March 8, 1988

Subject: The Iranian Mojahedin Party and its alleged
brainwashing of American youth

WH Referral Dated: March 18, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 553888

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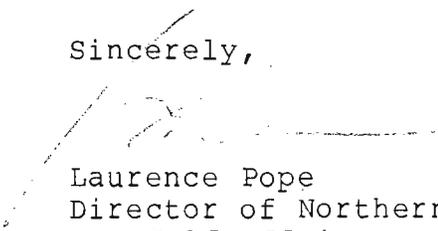
March 22, 1988

Lt. General Mostafa Amjadi (Ret.)
Chairman
United Forces for the Liberation of Iran
4647 Willis Ave., #223
Sherman Oaks, California 91403

Dear General Amjadi:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of March 8 to the President regarding activities of the Peoples' Mojahedin of Iran. My colleagues and I thank you for your views.

Sincerely,


Laurence Pope
Director of Northern
Gulf Affairs

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The United Forces For The Liberation Of Iran
The Supporters of Iranian Constitution of Parliamentary Monarchy System

8 March 1988

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. President:

As we all know, during the General Secretaryship of Joseph Stalin and as an integral part of the Stalinism, a major strategy plan was laid down for the communist domination of the freeworld. As a subpart of that major strategy, a plan was adopted to infiltrate and brainwash the youth communities of some pre targeted nations. It was the objective of this specific plan to indoctrinate the flexible and inexperienced younger generations of those targeted societies with communist doctrine/misled propoganda and thus establishing a favorable ground for eventual communist solid aggression or takeover.

Iran for known reasons was classified by that Russian leader as a top priority target in the subject plan. The Iran youth plan was gradually implemented with some success in Azarbayejan and Kordestan provinces right after the II World War and during the Dr. Mousadegh's administration via the Todeh party in the entire country. The Todeh party's advancement during Mousadegh's administration was very noticeable both in Iranian Universities and the military academy. The communist propoganda for the Iranian youth was so pronounced that after Dr. Mousadegh's administration, we are able to identified over 750 young Iranian officers and military cadets who were strongly committed to communist doctrine and prepared to undertake orders directly from Moscow. The Iran youth plan, had groven from a minor complain to its subsequent vocal decent which was aimed toward the overthrow of the legitimate government of that nation. for Iran

The Iranian Mojahedin party led by M. Rajavi, is a direct result of the so called Russian youth brainwashing plan which started from the Iranian Universities and later on matured to its current status of that of the Islamic Maxist Organization. As we have informed your office and the security agencies of the United States Government through our previous reports, this group not only was the initiators of the terrorism in Iran and killed several hundreds of the innocent Iranians but also killed several Americans in Iran and made a strong attempt on General Harold Price's life. This group also taught terrorism and mass execution to the Iranian clergy.

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It is schooking to notice that the same group is virtually granted unlimited freedom in the United States to air communist propoganda and now is brainwashing the American youth. To a point that its leader M. Rajavi was granted permission on 2-13-88 to appear on a prerecorded TV program from the Orange County TV station channel 56. While he was delivering irrelevant Anti-Shah and Anti Capitalistic Slogans, He was accompanied by Iranian flag which was inprinted with the emblems of the Russian flag. The members of the Mojahedin group are vigorously preaching and brainwashing American youth in the university campuses. Today, this group is repeating exactly the same routine of brainwashing tactic and the communist propoganda in American Universities that it was doing about 20 years ago in Iran. It is our estimate, if the political activities of this group is not controlled in the United States, it is deemed that youth brainwashing and communist propoganda by this group will have a pronounced chain effect on American youth and perhaps in less informed communities. We are surprised to notice that neither the TV station management (channel 56) nor the local security organizations were unable to recognize the emblems of USSR's flag and take appropriate steps in controlling the strong and visible communist propoganda.

in Orange County, etc.

Furthermore, it could be stated that this group is well experienced in carrying out sophisticated terrorist activity either itself or hosting such activity to other terrorist organizations against any group of innocent people.

Mr. President, we hope that with your directions, the responsible security organizations will be taking appropriate action to stop the future violence of this group.

Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully Your's

M. A. Amjadi
Lt. General M. Amjadi
Former Deputy Prime Minister
Of Iran, Chairman UNFLI

- cc: Secretary Of State x
- Secretary Of Defense x
- Senator J. Helms x
- Senator O. Hatch x
- Director Of CIA x
- Director Of FBI x



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*The United Forces For The Liberation Of Iran
The Supporters of Iranian Constitution of Parliamentary Monarchy System*

8 March 1988

Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar
Secretary General Of The United Nations
New York City, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

It is our understanding that the charter of the United Nations was designed to provide equal treatment to all its memberships and to safeguard the rights of the world citizens. Unfortunately, in the recent years this organization and its leadership failed to act in accordance with its charter and has been unable to discharge its responsibilities and obligation toward the innocent citizens of the world. In particular, it has failed to bring a peace to an eight years old devastating war between the mad leaders of Iran and Iraq. We are unable to realize that someone with your status and leadership responsibility could calmly rest at his United States dignified residence while a massive Iranian population of innocent children, men and women of all ages are subjected to the on-going missile attack and madness of the Iraq brainless leader Saddam Hossein. It is known to us that both Khomeini and Hossein through their acts of terrorism and by betraying their own people have reached their current murderer leadership positions. However, it is not known to us, why the United Nations and its Secretary General have become the poppet of the super powers? Why is it that you are only willing to serve few of the nations rather than the entire membership? We are not certain if it is you or the United Nations, who has become powerless in discharging the assigned responsibilities. If the contributing factor is your incompetency, for the benefit of the citizens of the world, we recommend that you should resign from your position and allow someone with sound leadership to assume the sensitive responsibilities of this position.

If the problem lies with the United Nations itself and any influence arising from the super power sources, we recommend that the United Nations to be dissolved and its doors to be closed so that the citizens of the world would not have false hope for anticipated assistance from a powerless organization such as the United Nations.

The leaders of these nations who have either supplied or assisted the Iraqi mad leader with the long range missiles, Saddam's bosses (the super powers) and yourself are directly responsible for all the blood shedding now taken place in Iran. The future government of Iran and the Iranian population shall not forget this international conspiracy and massive killing of its innocent and unarmed citizens.

We recall that up to nine years ago and for the benefit of the foreign governments, any minute happening in Iran was over exaggerated as the violation of the human rights policies, to a point that the legitimate and the legal government of Iran was overthrown. Apparently, the human rights policies are no longer applicable in case of the Iranian nation and thus the people of Iran deserve to receive continuous punishment of devastating missile and aircraft attacks. Since the on-going massive killing of the unarmed and innocent people of Iran have no meaning to you or your bosses, we would like to learn of the ultimate goal set for the suffering Iranian people.

We are anxiously waiting either for a just action, your resignation or the dissolution of the United Nations.

Respectfully Yours

M. Amjadi

Lt. General Mostafa Amjadi
Former Dupty Prime Minister of
Iran, Chairman of UNFLI

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 20, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. J. CARL DURHAM

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE RETALIATION TAKEN AGAINST IRAN
IN THE RECENT INCIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
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DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN

~~J CARL DURHAM STATE COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT OF WEST VIRGINIA AND FRANK B BARTLETT POST 7 BUCKHANNON WEST VIRGINIA WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE YOUR DECISION TO RETALIATE THE COWARDLY ACTS OF IRAN AND WE SUPPORT YOU FULLY IN YOUR EFFORT TO PROMOTE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS FOR OUR UNITED STATES.~~

GOD BLESS YOU RONALD REAGAN, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK  
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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*

SUBJECT: Replies to Chairman Hamilton

As I believe I mentioned to you, Chairman Hamilton of the House Select Committee on Iran recently sent letters to Secretary Weinberger, Secretary Shultz and the Attorney General requesting their views on legislative or regulatory changes they believe to be appropriate in light of the Iran-Contra experience.

Secretary Weinberger's office has forwarded for your information a copy of his October 7 reply; this is attached at Tab A. Grant Green's office is informed that Secretary Shultz is replying briefly to the effect that he had nothing to add to his previous testimony. The Attorney General's reply, Justice informs me, will be similar to that of Secretary Weinberger, but will encourage Congress to implement the Tower Board's recommendation by establishing a single, joint intelligence committee.

Attachment

Tab A Weinberger/Hamilton Ltr

cc: Alison B. Fortier

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October 7, 1987

MEMO FOR Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

Mr. Carlucci: —

Secretary Weinberger wanted you to have a copy of the attached letter to Chairman Hamilton.

  
Kay Leisz



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 7, 1987

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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman  
Select Committee to Investigate  
Covert Arms Transactions with Iran  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of September 23, 1987, on behalf of the House and Senate Select Committees.

After receiving the Tower Commission report, the President took vigorous action to ensure that the National Security Council staff does not conduct covert operations in the future. Moreover, at the President's direction, the appropriate relationship between the National Security Advisor and his staff, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the other principal officials with national security responsibilities has been fully and effectively restored. Most important of all, the President, as you know, brought in some extraordinarily capable people to substitute for the old group. I know of no better people than Frank Carlucci and Colin Powell.

As a result, I am confident that the decision-making process regarding sensitive national security matters is again sound. Whether it will remain so in the long run is, in the final analysis, not a matter of process. It will require the understanding of those who are called upon to serve the President that they best serve him by putting all the facts before him, and by giving him the opportunity to make fully informed decisions about these vital matters. The President, and outstanding public servants such as Frank Carlucci, General Powell and Director Webster, are fully dedicated to this fundamental principle.

Accordingly, as I testified before the Select Committees, I do not believe fundamental legislative or regulatory changes are needed. Whether certain principles or procedures now in effect should be made permanent by legislation is a difficult question, and one as to which I believe the initiative must properly rest with the Congress.

Although I have no legislative or regulatory changes to propose, I would, of course, be pleased to provide my views regarding any specific proposals others may offer, if you wish.

Again, permit me to express my appreciation for your work in this difficult assignment and your very courteous reception of me during the hearings.

Sincerely,

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May 16, 1988

Dear Admiral Collins:

Thank you for your letter of 25 April. While I appreciate your concern about the future of Iran, the President has made clear that the United States accepts the Iranian revolution and has no interest in interfering in Iran's internal affairs. That remains our policy.

Ambassador Robert Oakley, my senior advisor on Near East and South Asian issues, would be pleased to meet with you on my behalf to exchange views on the situation in Iran and the region in general. He can be reached at (202) 395-6900.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Colin L. Powell

Rear Admiral F. C. <sup>X</sup>Collins, Jr. USN (RET)  
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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RBO*

SUBJECT: Inquiry on Iran

Retired Rear Admiral F. C. Collins has written to you (TAB A) seeking an appointment to discuss overthrowing the Khomeini regime. Collins sent an earlier letter in the same vein to the President, which State has answered (TAB B).

We propose a response which reiterates our policy of noninterference in Iranian internal affairs, but offers a meeting with me if Collins wishes a general discussion of the situation in Iran and the region.

*M.B.*  
Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the response to Admiral Collins at TAB I.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachments:

TAB I Your Response to Admiral Collins

TAB A Collins/Powell Letter of April 25, 1988

TAB B 1. State (Pope)/Collins Letter of March 22, 1988  
2. Collins/President Letter of March 7, 1988

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Dear General Powell;

I write this to you, addressed to your residence, out of frustration and deep concern.

As a retired Navy O8 who spent 33 years actively serving his country in a complete spectrum of fleet and staff assignments, plus some 6 additional years in the USNR following enlisted service 1945-46, with my first flag tour as Chief Naval Advisor, CINC Imperial Iranian Navy (1978-79), I am extremely concerned about the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I have expressed my concern to all of your predecessors from Judge Clark through Frank Carlucci and in each case have been politely referred to either State or some other equally unknowlegable functionary.

Having served in Iran during the critical pre and active revolutionary period which saw the overthrow of the Shahanshah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, I have kept in very close touch with the situation through my old boss, Admiral K. Habibollahi, former CINC IIN, ADMs Farzaneh, Ardalon, Movaghari, Jahanbani, Arayanpour, Azadi, Kamyabapour, Yeghiazarian, Captains Sotudeh and Zangeneh, Ambassador Malek, and the last Charge under the Shah of the Iranian Embassy in Washington, Dr. Assad Homayoun (all of these gentlemen live in the Washington metropolitan area with the exception of Adm Azadi who lives in the L.A. area). I meet or speak with each of them frequently, and they have a very real concern for the future of Iran as a free and independent Iran with ties to the West vice the USSR.

They believe, as a result of their communications with family and friends in Iran, that the war has had such a devastating effect on the civilian populace of Iran that they would welcome even an invasion by the Soviets if it would bring an end to the war! I cannot believe that the USG would welcome such an alternative and yet, this could be in Iran's future if we do not move in a positive manner.

The recent naval action in the Gulf, while demonstrating to the Ayatollah dominated regime that there is a limit to our patience, was not the answer to this problem. Neither is deluding ourselves with thinking that there is a "moderate" faction in power with whom we can negotiate, as North and Poindexter proved and before them, the Carter administration.

A consensus among my Iranian friends, and one which I fully support in view of my experience in Iran at the beginning of this revolution which has led to the destruction of the youth, industrial and social infrastructure of a nation which under the Shah was an example of progress and strength, is that the answer will be found in the removal of Khomeini from power. Following this action, a need to fill the leadership vacuum while Mullahs fight for control will occur. I believe that the USC is capable of handling both these requirements and I am certain that I could muster sufficient of my Iranian friends who possess not only love for their own country, but great respect and admiration for the USA to suggest the what and how of such action.

Fully recognizing that the Panamainian crises, the upcoming summit etc must preoccupy your thoughts and time, I would submit that bringing about a peaceful end to the Iran-Iraq war and removal of Khomeini would end many of our most critical concerns.

I would be happy to consult with you further on this matter at your convenience.

Sincerest regards,  
*F.C. Collins, Jr.*  
F.C. Collins, Jr.  
RADM U.S. Navy (Ret.)  
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Lt. General Colin L. Powell, USAF  
National Security Advisor  
27 A Lee Avenue  
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March 22, 1988

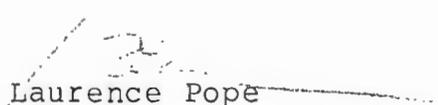
Rear Admiral Frank C. Collins, Jr.  
U.S. Navy (Retired)  
5819 Colfax Avenue  
Alexandria, Va. 22311

Dear Admiral Collins:

I have been asked to reply to your recent letter to the President regarding a meeting with Admiral Kamal Habibollahi, formerly of the Iranian navy. The President has publicly stated that we recognize the Iranian revolution, and it is not U.S. policy to intervene in the internal affairs of Iran. My colleagues and I are always ready, however, to meet with Iranians who simply want to offer their views on the present situation in Iran. If either you or Admiral Habibollahi would like to have a general discussion of U.S. policy towards Iran or political events in that country I would be happy to meet with you.

If you are interested in pursuing such a discussion, I can be reached at the State Department at (202) 647-5692.

Sincerely,

  
Laurence Pope  
Director of Northern  
Gulf Affairs

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*Military aff.*  
Dear Mr President;

You are now on the home stretch of a successful presidency, the first "two termer" since President Eisenhower. If you will recall, the key to your landslide success over Mr Carter was the manner in which he failed to successfully handle the Iranian Hostage Crisis. Since you are not a candidate to succeed yourself, "Irangate" may not be a significant factor to you. However, as the last Chief Advisor to the Commander in Chief of the Imperial Iranian Navy, Admiral Kamal Habibollahi, before and during the revolution which toppled the Shah, it is most important to me.

I still maintain real time contact with my Iranian friends with whom I worked in Teheran during the turbulent years of 1978-79. Their intelligence plus the media releases leads me to believe that for the first time in 9 long years there is a credible sign of Khomeini's weakening grasp on the will of Iranians. I believe that before you leave office you could redeem the disservice which Col North and Adm Poindexter did to your administration by their ill-advised, though highest motive, attempts to get our hostages freed.

My Iranian friends tell me that the Iranians are very tired of the war and of the disaster which Khomeini has brought to their nation. Should we not take advantage of that weakened hold to accelerate the Ahyatollah's departure and the installation of a government who could restore the friendly relationship with which we enjoyed with Iran during the pre-revolutionary years ?

Would it not be at least worth getting together with knowledgeable Iranians who love and long for their country and who know the mind of Khomeini and their fellow Iranians better than any of our "experts" to discover what they might recommend ? I believe that it would be a move which could consolidate you as a wise, freedom-loving and action oriented president for history to revere.

Please give me a call at 998 5434 or 931 2888 if you are interested in investigating this further.

Sincerest regards.

*F.C. Collins, Jr.*  
F.C. Collins, Jr.

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Honorable Ronald W. Reagan  
President of the United States of America  
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