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TO: GEN. BRENT SCOWCROFT  
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FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN [REDACTED]

1. Please be kind enough to pass the following message to Mr. Lawrence Eagleburger: BEGIN TEXT: Noted in wireless file this morning that the President has nominated you to be Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration. Warmest and heartiest congratulations! There are those who would say that condolences are more in order. I do not agree. The best man is none too good for this job, and when one examines the fiscal and budgetary performance of the Department over the years, one can readily see why. Funding inadequacies are in fact beginning to affect conduct of foreign policy, <sup>Y</sup> point I made in <sup>Y</sup> letter to Deputy Secretary Ingersoll not long ago. If I may be permitted a small wisecrack, you have no way to go but up. Good luck and all best wishes. In this Embassy you have nothing but support and good <sup>will</sup> ~~well~~. END OF TEXT.

2. Many thanks and warm regards. These past few weeks must have been unusually testing. Hope you are in good shape.

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