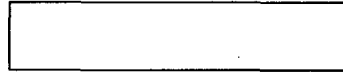


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TO: CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY GENERAL FREDERICK C. WEYAND

FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS

DEAR FRED:

I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR MAAG ARMY SECTION CHIEF, BRIGADIER GENERAL ED PARTAIN, HAS NOT YET RECEIVED HIS ONWARD ASSIGNMENT. ED HAS DONE A FINE JOB HERE, HAS PLAYED STRAIGHT WITH US, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN A WORD ON HIS BEHALF.

AS YOU WILL KNOW, ED IS A MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLES AND COMPLETE DEDICATION TO HIS JOB. HE IS ALSO ABLE TO TAKE A BROAD VIEW OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS AN EFFECTIVE SOLDIER/ DIPLOMAT. HE IS A THOROUGHLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER AND HAS LED THE ARMY SECTION WITH DISTINCTION. DURING OUR GAP BETWEEN MAAG CHIEFS, HE SLIPPED QUIETLY INTO THE NUMBER ONE MILITARY JOB HERE, PERFORMED ADMIRABLY, AND THEN SLIPPED JUST AS QUIETLY OUT, GIVING HIS SUCCESSOR A HEAD START THROUGH HIS GENEROUS SUPPORT. I HOPE THAT THE ARMY WILL BE ABLE TO FIND A POSITION FOR HIM THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE HIS IMPRESSIVE SKILLS. WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN HIS ASSIGNMENT FOR WE NEED THE BEST POSSIBLE MEN FOR THE ARMY SECTION CHIEF. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD WITHIN THE ARMY THAT THIS ASSIGNMENT IS NOT DEAD-END, BUT WILL LEAD ON TO GREATER THINGS. INDEED IT MAY BE ONE OF THE FEW REAL GAMES IN TOWN THESE DAYS.

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I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO ANYONE IN IRAN ABOUT THIS MESSAGE,
NOT EVEN ED, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LIMITING IT

BEST REGARDS.

DICK."

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