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Clyde Taylor - Commercial Attache & Duty Officer [REDACTED], friend of Craig Springer (USIS), friend of John Murphy.

* Louis Goelz - [REDACTED] Consul General

Al Jordan - [REDACTED] Senior Consular Ass't. - Iranian

Mr. Hart - Duty Officer at Embassy

Barbara Belsito - American Service Officer

* Charles Naas - [REDACTED] No. 2 Man at Embassy

Joseph Havary - Embassy Commercial Department

* William Sullivan - [REDACTED] US Ambassador, Ex-Ambassador to Laos/Philippines, Rhode Island background, friend of Michele (John) Murphy's father and uncle.

* Henry Ron Mills - [REDACTED] in charge of Embassy Admin

Gen. Jones

Chairman - Joint Chiefs of Staff

Gen. Gast

Air Force General in Tehran

Adm. Thomas Moorer

Contact to US Embassy in Washington - message sent to Zahedi in Tehran.

Richard Helms

Miriam Chatham

[REDACTED] Husband DOD at Embassy

December 5, 1978

Fara

█ received a telephone call from the American Section of the Police Department Residence Bureau at 10:30 AM. They asked her to come to their office concerning information about James Nyfeler.

Fara

█ went to the office at 11:30 AM and reported to the head of the American Section. The police officer asked for Mr. Nyfeler's passport and residence permit. Fara █ informed him that Mr. Nyfeler was no longer in Iran. The officer asked when he had departed Iran. She told him he left on June 19, 1978. He then asked about Paul Bucha. She said he had also left Iran and did not work here anymore. He looked very saddened and said, "I suppose the other two are gone also." Fara █ asked "Which two?" He said Mr. Chiapparone and Mr. Gaylord. (█ said there were four files on his desk that he was referring to with their residence permit information in them, pictures, etc.).

She said they were both here and she had just picked up Mr. Gaylord's residence permit this morning. He told her not to give it to Mr. Gaylord. He instructed her to act officially on his behalf and get Mr. Gaylord's passport and residence permit along with Mr. Chiapparone's, and to do it in a way not to cause alarm on their part. Then she should bring the documents back immediately. Fara █ told him she could not bring them back today. So he instructed her to bring them in the morning and said she was officially responsible for this. He insured her that there were witnesses to these instructions.

2:30 PM - After some discussion in the office, RG, PWB and WKG went to see Mr. Louis Goelz, U.S. Consul General. The situation was explained to him, Al Jordan (Iranian), Senior Consular Assistant, and Barbara Belsito, American Service Officer. The situation was explained and then Goelz suggested that we turn the documents over to him for safe-keeping and Al Jordan would contact the police in the morning. He suggested that PWB leave the country ASAP. WKG contacted Nyfeler and briefed him and asked that HRP and others be informed and that contact be made with the Embassy through State Department, Defense Department and Congress.

Received call from States. HRP has talked to Mahvi and numerous government officials. Wants to get PJC and WDG families out of the country and PJC and WDG ASAP. Said we were to meet with [REDACTED] at Foundation and he would contact Mr. Khansari (3211) at the Foreign Ministry. HRP will be meeting with Iranian U.N. Ambassador tomorrow.

December 6, 1978

PJC, RG and WKG met with Ghavam Sadre, Soutedeh, Halati, Paul Saidie and Ali Tajedin at 10:00. After a lengthy discussion and many notes to her by Ghavam Sadre, he went to call Mr. Khansari at the Foreign Ministry. Khonsari said he felt that this was about the Ministry of Justice investigation at MHSW and there was nothing he could do until he was requested officially by the U.S. Embassy. During these conversations, Mr. Mahvi called and spoke to Ghavam Sadre and Paul Chiapparone. He told Paul not to worry. We agreed we would get in touch with the U.S. Embassy and have them contact Khonsari.

Rich Gallagher called the Embassy. They said they had spoken to the General at the Police Department and he said he would take their residence permits so they could not leave the country and would be arrested if they tried. He did agree that the Embassy could keep their passports. The Embassy said they would contact Khansari. They also stated that the general said WDG and PJC were material witnesses in an investigation.

2:30 PM - Rich Gallagher talked to Barbara Belsito. She had talked to Khansari's assistant (Khansari was in a meeting). The assistant said Khansari is in meeting and will get back later. She hoped this would serve as the official request we wanted.

3:30 PM - Have made arrangements for both families to depart on Friday for Copenhagen via Singapore Air and continue to New York on Saturday. PJC's family will stay in New York for a few days and then proceed to Chicago. WDG's family will go directly from New York to Washington.

John Howell talked to Matin-Daftari. He could not see us today and will try to see us in the morning. John explained the situation and he said he was not surprised. He said he could not find out the contents of the report but could find out who was holding the investigation but John felt we would not know until Monday.

Rich Gallagher. George O'Keeffe and Al Jordan will go to General Biglari's office tomorrow at 8:30 AM with the residence permits and a list of questions.

December 7, 1978

8:15 AM - Rich Gallagher and George O'Keeffe met with Consul General Goelz and Al Jordan of the Embassy's Iranian staff. Goelz gave Gallagher PJC's residence permit. He said that he had not received a reply yet from Mr. Khansari, Foreign Ministry, but expected a reply from him "this morning, hopefully". Goelz asked about PJC's and WDG's families; he was told they would depart tomorrow morning. Jordan said General Biglari also wanted PJC's and WDG's work permits and gave Gallagher same.

In private conversation, Gallagher asked Jordan if there were any possibility that EDS personnel may be accused of wrongdoing. Jordan said "I DOUBT THAT VERY MUCH."

8:40 AM - Gallagher, O'Keeffe, Jordan arrived at the office of General Biglari, Chief, Alien Affairs, Tehran Police. They met with Biglari and presented him with PJC's and WDG's residence and work permits and received a receipt for same. Biglari at first objected to signing a receipt; he said that the documents were the property of the Iranian Government. Gallagher rejoindered that PJC and WDG needed proof of where the documents were located. Biglari said he would give them a receipt for them, and emphasized that the Embassy would be held responsible if PJC or WDG left the country "INCLUDING LEAVING IN U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT. IT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE." (See receipt signed by

Howell and Gallagher briefly reviewed the facts relating to the Chiapparone and Gaylord matters, including the fact that their passports had been delivered to the Embassy with the assurances that they would be returned on request, and concluding with a summary of the meeting this morning with General Biglari.

Mr. Naas first explained that the Iranian governmental offices were already closed for the weekend and that with the religious holiday, it would be Tuesday, if then, before he could do anything officially. However, he has a friend in the Iranian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and said he would call his friend, find out what information about EDS is floating around the Ministry, and then let us know.

Naas stated that if circumstances became so bad that the Embassy ordered an emergency evacuation of Americans, he (Naas) would do his best to get PJC and WDG out. When asked what authority it would take and from whom it would come to get them out of Iran, Naas said that he had the authority to do it in an emergency situation, but nobody did in a non-emergency situation.

When asked what authority it would take to get the passports released, Naas answered very vaguely and ambiguously about credibility with the Iranian authorities, etc. The net result seemed to be that the Embassy would not release the passports except in the case of an emergency evacuation.

We discussed at some length the possibility of giving the Iranian Government some sort of assurance that PJC and WDG would return for questioning if they would let them out. While Naas did not seem to be a stranger to the concept, he insisted that the U.S. Government could not give any such assurances. However, they could attempt to persuade the appropriate Iranian authorities to accept the assurance offered by EDS. Naas stated that this would be a matter best handled by an Iranian lawyer identifying the appropriate people and working out a deal.

Naas then called Goelz to determine the strength of his commitment to not release the passports. He determined that it was Goelz's understanding that "the Court" had ordered that PJC and WDG not leave the country and that, therefore, Goelz had no choice but to agree to turn over the Iranian documents and hold the passports. Otherwise, PJC and WDG would have been arrested.

We returned to the issue of posting some sort of surety bond, etc. to allow PJC and WDG to leave the country. Naas again stated that this type of matter is best pursued by an Iranian lawyer. Havary stated that he did not feel that a bond would be acceptable at this time.

Chiapparone then asked if Naas was telling us that there is nothing the U.S. Embassy can do. Naas confirmed that that was what he was telling us.

Naas told us that a U.S. citizen residing in Iran is subject to all Iranian laws. The only role the Embassy can play is ensuring that the American is treated fairly to the extent that an Iranian is. If an American violates an Iranian law, he can be imprisoned and all the Embassy can do is visit him and work to have him released as quickly as local law allows.

Naas confirmed that he was familiar with Dr. Matin-Daftary and that he is a very able and respected attorney who should be able to represent EDS well in this matter. He also confirmed that Mr. Goelz was the proper person in the Embassy for us to be working with and was very proficient in his job. As soon as Dr. Matin-Daftary is able to figure out what is going on, either he or one of us should contact Mr. Goelz with the information so that he can work through the Foreign Ministry to assist our efforts.

Upon being asked if any authority, even a direct order from the President, would be sufficient for the Embassy to, in effect, override the Iranian Government and get PJC and WDG out of Iran, Naas again answered that there was no such authority.

Mr. Havary escorted us out and, on the way, told us that Goelz is very good and that we should work closely with him. He said that since the Court has ordered PJC and WDG to stay in Iran, there would be a document constituting the order available to the public. Our Iranian lawyer should be able to obtain that document, talk with the prosecutor, and work out some sort of deal to allow PJC and WDG to leave Iran.

December 8, 1978

WDG Phone Calls:

11:30 AM - Henry Ron Mills, [REDACTED], in charge of Embassy Admin:

o familiar with our problem; says Goelz is the person to contact.

11:35 AM - Louis Goelz, [REDACTED] Consul General:

o No answer.

11:40 AM - Charles Naas. Identified myself, then after a pregnant pause, Clyde Taylor, Embassy Duty Officer, said that Mr. Naas was not in his office now, but he had given him my message from earlier this morning. However, Mr. Naas was very busy with some other things and would be tied up for a while. He said that Mr. Goelz was in his office and transferred my call -- then Mr. Taylor came back on the line and said Mr. Goelz' line was busy.

11:50 AM - Louis Goelz, [REDACTED].

He said that a Ministry of Justice source confirmed that we are being held as material witnesses in corruption charges filed against the former Minister of Health/Welfare. He stresses this point.

**He also said we were free to get our passports from him at any time. He said he had heard we wanted them and he assured us that he was not going to hold them if we wanted them back.

He said he was aware of the Embassy's receipt of a communication from the State Department in Washington, but all of these are signed by Secretary of State Vance, so it represented nothing out of the ordinary. He thought the message had been given to Mr. Naas. He was

also aware of other State Department wires on EDS regarding our Ministry payment problems and problems getting other people out of the country (visas, etc.).

He said that he had not been assigned our problem officially; that since we had previously met with Mr. Naas (who is higher ranking at the Embassy) he assumed Mr. Naas was handling the matter.

I advised that our families had left the country this morning, and he thought this was good considering the present conditions in Tehran.

He indicated that they should have had no problems at the airport, although PJC and I would since he knew our names were on the "stop list" at the airport, and that we would probably be arrested if we tried to get through passport control.

I also brought him up to date on General Jones message to General Gast. He replied that this might be of some help since a large part of the Iranian Government was now military generals (except the Minister of Justice, of course, who is civilian).

Regarding admittance to the Embassy, he suggested we ask for the "Duty Officer" if we needed help getting in. In case of emergency, he thought anyone could get in -- even non-Americans.

He gave me his home phone number and asked me to pass this information on to PJC.

In response to my question about Ambassador Sullivan's awareness of our problem, he said that he had not talked to him about it -- but perhaps Mr. Naas had.

1:50 PM - Charles Naas.

Not in his office, at home. Call was answered by Clyde Taylor, Duty Officer, who tried to refer me to Mr. Goelz and said he was sure that Mr. Naas and Mr. Goelz had discussed the problem and thought Mr. Goelz was handling it. I told him that Mr. Goelz said he had not officially been assigned the problem and assumed Mr. Naas was handling it.

After being put on hold for about five minutes, Mr. Taylor informed me that he would leave another message for Mr. Naas.

I asked for Mr. Naas' phone extension, but Mr. Taylor would not furnish it, either office or home (both on Embassy grounds).

December 8, 1978

8:30 AM - PJC spoke to General Philip C. Gast (Sr. American General in Tehran - Air Force) regarding our (PJC and WDG) problem. He acknowledged he had received a call from General Jones.

I brought General Gast up to date on our problem. I told him that we would be happy to return to Tehran if asked. I told him that our families had left today and that our business here was finished and we had no reason to stay in Tehran.

He indicated he would be busy today but would get back to me by 5:00PM today and tell me what he had done. (PJC's notes)

Bill Gaylord's notes of December 8, 1978:

11:50 AM - Talked to Louis Goelz (generally cooperative).

- o he confirmed thru Ministry of Justice source that PJC and I were being held as material witnesses in the corruption charges filed against the former Minister of Health/Social Welfare.
- o He brought up and stressed that we could get our passports back anytime we wanted. He was not holding them from us, he was only holding them for our safekeeping. (It appeared that he was, and that he was making the point of our access to the passports as a result of some outside influence).
- o He confirmed receipt of State Department wire regarding our problem which he thought had been given to Mr. Naas. Apparently, other wires regarding our payment problems at the Ministry and our visa/passport problems had also been received.

- o He said that he had not been officially assigned to resolve our problem. Since we had talked to Naas (his superior), he assumed Naas was working on it. He also said it would be difficult to do anything through the Iranian Government until they came back to work several days from now.
- o Goelz said that PJC and I were on the "Stop List" at the airport and would probably be arrested if we tried to get through passport control. (Should have been no problem though, for our families when they went through this morning).
- o Regarding our contact with General Jones to General Gast, he thought this might be helpful since a large part of the Iranian Government was now military (except Minister of Justice, who was civilian)... but this would take time because of the current situation in Tehran.
- o Regarding Ambassador Sullivan's awareness of our problem, he had not discussed it with him, but perhaps Mr. Naas had -- he really didn't know for sure.
- o On the approach of our posting some type of bond or other assurance for PJC and I returning if allowed to leave the country -- he thought this was a good course to pursue, but would need to be handled with the proper Iranian officials.

Embassy Phone Numbers

Main Numbers: [REDACTED]

Ambassador Sullivan [REDACTED]

Charles Naas [REDACTED]

Louis Goelz [REDACTED]

Henry Ron Mills (Embassy Admin) [REDACTED]

3:30 PM - Call to Mr. Goelz by W. Gaylord:

Called to arrange meeting at the Embassy to pick up PJC/WDG's passports. I was advised that the Iranian authorities had already been advised by Mr. Goelz that he was returning our passports to us at our request. He said the authorities were upset that he was going to return the passports and they suspected that we were going to try to leave the country. They told him that our names were posted at the airport and we would not be permitted to leave the country.

He also said the Iranian authorities had expected us to try to leave the country when they first learned we had taken PJC/WDG's passports to the Embassy. As a result, they had posted our names at the airport yesterday (12/7/78?).

Mr. Goelz advised me that we could meet with him at the Embassy upon request if we changed our minds about picking up our passports.

I then scheduled a meeting with him at his office at 10:45 AM on Tuesday, December 12. He also mentioned that the Iranian authorities would not be back to work (at the Ministry of Justice) until Wednesday, December 13.

December 9, 1978

10:30 AM - PJC and WDG met with Dr. Matin Daftary, our Iranian lawyer. We summarized the events to date (much of which he had heard from John Howell). We then asked him what he could tell us. Magistrate Special Examining Judge investigating Sheik/Neghabat, et al, wants to talk to us regarding information they have compiled to date. The hearing would be before a judge. We can have counsel present, but counsel cannot intervene. They are probably looking for evidence of some kind

of commission. If we were not here when the contract was signed, we were not knowledgeable. If they determine that we are guilty of a crime, they could and probably would arrest us.

The magistrates should be back to work on Tuesday -- however, they are currently striking against the killing of people. He will try and make contact on Tuesday and see if he can get our hearing expedited.

He indicated that an English/Farsi translator will be there. He said we should not show doubt -- be definite on each point.

He said the contract was unpopular at SSO - lavish, too early, too big...

He asked us to try and determine the judge's number who ordered the documents held. We explained we were unsuccessful so far.

We asked him if we would be permitted to leave if the American Embassy decided to evacuate Americans from Iran. He said "No", we are not able to leave because the Iranian Government wants us to stay and they (Iranian Government) doesn't really care what the U.S. Embassy does with its Americans here.

We spoke of the Towliati situation. He sees a potential conflict of interest with Towliati being paid by PDS and responsible to the Government for the supervision of our contract.

We said we would be back in touch on Tuesday. (PJC's notes).

December 12, 1978

Meeting with W. Gaylord, R. Gallagher and Louis Goelz at the U.S.

- Consulate (10:45 - 11:15 AM).

Conversation with Mr. Goelz produced the following information:

1. Mr. Goelz would return PJC/WDG's passports if so requested, but would also inform General Biglari, who strongly disapproves of such action by the U.S. Embassy and who Mr. Goelz believes would then take action to detain the two individuals or demand their passports.

Furthermore, Mr. Goelz believes that if he returned the passports and PJC/WDG left the country without Iranian Government approval, General Biglari would hold Mr. Goelz responsible and would likely fail to cooperate with the U.S. Embassy on passport and other future matters.

2. In response to my question concerning the availability of Mr. Goelz or other Embassy personnel accompanying PJC/WDG if and when they were called to answer questions before the examining magistrate, Mr. Goelz replied that it would be better for us to have our lawyer with us -- and it might or might not help us to have American Embassy people there, too. This would be something to talk about later then the time came to give depositions.

Conclusion: The meeting was very friendly and Mr. Goelz was cordial and candid; however, my reading is that Mr. Goelz would rather not be involved and doesn't feel it is necessary or desirable for the U.S. Embassy to intervene on our behalf or pursue the issue with General Biglari or the Ministry of Justice.

3:30 PM - PJC spoke with General Gast. He said he understood they have not been able to do too much for us. He indicated again that he had no way of helping except through the Embassy. He spoke to Naas who told him (Gast) that they were going to try to get to the Ministry of Justice tomorrow.

4:30 PM - Spoke to Paul Saedi from the Foundation. They have not been able to do very much since no one is at work yet. Ghavam Sadre will try to get to the Ministry of Justice through his contacts starting tomorrow.

December 13, 1978

Abolhasan Majid

This morning, at the request of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] went to see General Biglari to obtain certain information concerning the judge handling the PJC and WDG situation, which General Biglari had previously told Sadr would be made available to us. General Biglari informed [REDACTED] that the judge or examining officer handling the matter is named Hossain Dadgar, who is the manager of Group No. 4, and that the court is Branch No. 17 of the Ministry of Justice. General Biglari also asked [REDACTED] about Nyfeler and Bucha again and [REDACTED] told him that both were out of the country and no longer lived in Iran.

The information obtained by [REDACTED] was provided to Dr. Matin-Daftary by telephone. Matin-Daftary knows the judge and will visit him today or tomorrow to determine what the situation is. He also had already sent someone over to review the file for this matter. We are to call Dr. Matin-Daftary at the Iranian Bar Association tomorrow morning and arrange to meet with him.

Lloyd Briggs says that Dadgar is the same person that Dr. Ahmadi of the SSO Board told us is investigating contracts at the Ministry, particularly our's.

4:45 PM - Call to Louis Goelz by William Gaylord

I informed Mr. Goelz that one of our representatives had talked with General Biglari and determined the name of the Iranian Government official who had requested PJC/WDC's passports -- a Mr. Dadgar.

Mr. Goelz said that his staff had no news yet from their contacts with the Ministry of Justice; however, the Embassy had been in contact with Mr. Zahedi who might be able to arrange for depositions to be given in the U.S. rather than in Tehran.

Mr. Goelz suggested we not upset the applecart for the next several days and see what happens as a result of the Zahedi contact.

December 14, 1978

This afternoon, I (John Howell) telephone Dr. Matin-Daftary at his home and ascertained the following:

1. Dr. Matin-Daftary has not yet contacted Judge Dadgar. He went to the Judge's office twice this morning, but the first time, the Judge was conducting an investigation, and the second time he was gone. Dr. Matin-Daftary will try again to meet with Judge Dadgar on Saturday morning.

2. Dr. Matin-Daftary did not feel that he had any information to add to what he told PJC and WDG last Saturday. Once he talks with Judge Dadgar, he will have more information.
3. Dr. Matin-Daftary understands that EDS' primary goal is to resolve this matter as quickly as possible so that PJC and WDG can freely enter and leave Iran, rejoin their families, pursue their careers, etc., and that EDS is pursuing this goal through both legal channels involving Dr. Matin-Daftary and also through diplomatic channels such as through Ambassador Sullivan. Dr. Matin-Daftary warned that we should be careful in exercising diplomatic influence as this might irritate Judge Dadgar and suggested that EDS not pursue that route until after he has met with Judge Dadgar and has more information.
4. When Dr. Matin-Daftary establishes contact with Judge Dadgar, he will attempt to have the examination of PJC and WDG set as soon as possible. Depending on the Judge's schedule, this could occur within two to three days. He will then contact PJC and WDG through the EDS office, tell them what the arrangements are, and accompany them to the examination. At this time, he does not feel it would be helpful to have an Embassy representative there.
5. Dr. Matin-Daftary anticipates that PJC and WDG will have little information of interest to Judge Dadgar since they were not around at the beginning of the contract. However, he has no information as to the actual scope of the examination.

6. The testimony given by PJC and WDG at the examination will be recorded and will be available for trials and other proceedings in the future. It will not be necessary for PJC and WDG to be personally present to report the testimony.
7. The most probable result of the examination is that Judge Dadgar will be satisfied and all restrictions on PJC and WDG will be removed. Another possible result is that the Judge will want to have them available for future questioning and will keep the status quo in effect. A less likely possibility is that Judge Dadgar might consider their future testimony so crucial or the likelihood of their leaving so great that he orders them to be temporarily detained by the police. If this occurs, there is a mechanism for being released on bail, but this would be at the discretion of Judge Dadgar.
8. At this time, there are no court orders or other documents relating to this matter which are available to the public and of which we can obtain copies. As soon as any such documents are available, Dr. Matin-Daftary will obtain copies for us.

8:30 PM - PJC spoke with HRP and gave him the information regarding Judge Dadgar. HRP indicated that Bob Strauss, Chairman of the Democratic Committee in Dallas, was also working on the problem.

December 16, 1978

Call to Louis Goelz by W. Gaylord:

Embassy has no news from Ministry of Justice. Sunday will be earliest next contact there.

Goelz reminded me that Mr. Naas had contacted Mr. Zahedi last Wednesday and this would take time to produce results -- but was best avenue to resolve our problem with the Iranian Government.

Mr. Goelz was aware of HRP contacts as a result of wires received at Embassy here.

I told Mr. Goelz that other congressional members, Kennedy (Senate), O'Neal (House), and Mathias (Senate) were also interested in the status of PJC/WDG and their problem with Iranian Government asking for passports, etc.

Mr. Goelz reminded me that these things take time, especially here in Iran, and that he would call us if there were any new developments at the U.S. Embassy.

Rich Gallagher confirmed through his contacts that PJC and WDG's names are on the stop list at the airport.

December 17, 1978

Telephone conversation between Louis Goelz and William Gaylord. Mr.

Goelz had the following information:

- o Embassy contact at Ministry of Justice left Tehran and went to the U.S. this past weekend. As a result, it will take longer to get detailed information on the investigation. Al Jordan is the Embassy official, according to Goelz, who handles the Ministry of Justice contacts for the Embassy.
- o The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has contacted the Ministry of Justice requesting information on the nature of the investigation involving PJC/WDG. Mr. Goelz attributed this intervention to the Embassy contact with Zahedi.
- o I requested the Embassy's assistance in gaining Ministry of Justice information on the investigation, File Number, File Location and Court District Location, to assist our lawyer. Mr. Goelz was familiar with the information, said that it was usually difficult to get, but he would try to obtain it when they contacted the Ministry of Justice today. He said he would call me back later today.
- o It appeared from the conversation that Mr. Goelz was getting more involved than he had been in the past week.

December 18, 1978

Telephone contact with Louis Goelz by W. Gaylord:

- o Mr. Goelz had no news from the Ministry of Justice or from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs contact.
- o They had not tried to contact Mr. Dadgar and were relying on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to get the investigation case file information being sought by PJC/WDG.
- o The Embassy had learned through their sources in Isfahan that our lawyer Matin-Daftary had been there yesterday and might still be there today. Mr. Goelz was interested in receiving any feedback we get from Matin-Daftary if he does meet with Mr. Dadgar.
- o I told Mr. Goelz that three Ministry of Justice deputies had been removed as of this morning, but that we did not know who they were or if they were involved in the PJC/WDG matter. He said he would try to follow up on the information.

2:30 PM - Spoke with Matin-Daftary. He was unable to see Dadgar today because he (Dadgar) was not at work. Hopes to see him first thing tomorrow and will call us then.

December 19, 1978

Majid

[REDACTED] went to the Bureau of Foreign Immigration and obtained the following information:

- o The letter from Hossein Dadgar was dated 7/9/57 (November 28, 1978) Branch 17 Divane Kayfarn

Ref. 56 Sayar (Mobile)

"The following four individuals are not to leave the country until further notice.

- Paul Bucha
- James Nyfeler
- Paul Chiapparone
- William Gaylord"

12:30 PM - Call from Mr. Louis Goelz to W. Gaylord:

Mr. Naas at the Embassy was contacted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who advised him that they had arranged an "instruction" session for Mr. Dadgar at the Ministry of Justice on Thursday morning, December 21, 1978. At this session, Mr. Dadgar will be advised how, when and in what manner he can proceed with the investigation as it pertains to PJC/WDG. This could include our having to stay in Iran indefinitely, to our leaving now and returning later, to leaving Iran and giving testimony elsewhere, etc.

Mr. Goelz feels that if the "instruction" session occurs as scheduled, it should determine whether our presence is necessary or not -- and at least will represent some progress.

I gave Mr. Goelz the file reference information that we had obtained from the Bureau of Foreign Immigration.

December 23, 1978

9:30 AM - Telephone conversation with Louis Goelz and W. Gaylord.

Mr. Goelz had received no feedback from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and could not confirm that Mr. Dadgar had attended the scheduled "instruction" session regarding PJC/WDG.

Mr. Goelz will have the Duty Officer call the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today and he will call us if there is any news.

December 24, 1978

11:30 AM - Telephone conversation with Louis Goelz and W. Gaylord.

Mr. Goelz had the following information from the Embassy's contact with Mr. Dadgar at the Ministry of Justice.

1. The "instruction" session was held last week, but was only an informal meeting with no decisions regarding PJC/WDG.
2. Mr. Dadgar was still examining the files of the case and progress was slow because most of the Ministry of Justice employees are on strike. However, in three days, on Wednesday, December 27, he thought he would be able to make a decision regarding whether or not our depositions could be given here or elsewhere -- or whether we would be free to leave the country.
3. The Embassy had also contacted the Protocol Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to learn what they had determined from their sources. Their information was similar to what Mr. Dadgar had said, but they felt his decision would be to let PJC/WDG leave the country in time for New Year's Day.

Mr. Goelz emphasized that the future events might not occur as soon as we hoped and there really was no way to know what Mr. Dadgar would decide.

December 26, 1978

9:30 AM - William Gaylord received a call from Mr. Jordan at the U.S. Embassy. He spoke to Mr. Dadgar on Monday and Mr. Dadgar asked where Mr. Bucha was. He said that Mr. Dadgar wanted to talk to Mr. Bucha because he was the main person involved with the signing of the MHSW contract.

I told Mr. Jordan that Mr. Bucha had moved to Paris about a year ago and that he lived and worked there. I told him that Mr. Bucha did come to Tehran from time to time since his transfer to France, but he was not here now and had been replaced by P. Chiapparone.

Mr. Jordan said he would pass the information onto Mr. Dadgar and let us know his response.

2:30 PM - WDG phone call to Mr. Jordan.

I called Mr. Jordan and he said that Mr. Dadgar thought we were playing "monkey games" since he knew Mr. Bucha had been in Tehran recently. Mr. Dadgar evidently thinks Mr. Bucha is hiding in Tehran.

In regard to asking PJC/WDG questions, Mr. Dadgar said that he was not very interested in these two people since they were not here when the contract was signed. However, he thought they should stay around for awhile in case he wanted to talk to them later about some aspect of the MHSW contract.

Mr. Jordan said he would talk to Dadgar again tomorrow (and call us afterwards to let us know what he had to say).

3:00 PM - WDG call to Mr. Goelz.

Call to Mr. Goelz to discuss the conversations I had with Mr. Jordan regarding Dadgar. Mr. Goelz told me that we must have someone on the inside of our Company feeding information to Mr. Dadgar since he knew that Mr. Bucha had recently been in Tehran. I responded to Mr. Goelz that I didn't agree and thought he ought to consider Mr. Jordan at the Embassy as the potential source of this information since he had attended the meeting with Mr. Bucha at the Embassy on December 5, 1978 and had talked with Mr. Dadgar twice recently. I also told Mr. Goelz that Mr. Jordan also did not appear to be very well informed about the current situation and the details of the problem with PJC/WDG and Mr. Dadgar. (On the phone, it appeared that Mr. Jordan had not handled the questions and comments from Mr. Dadgar in an appropriate manner).

Mr. Goelz had little response other than he thought Mr. Jordan was capable and had called me because Mr. Goelz had trouble getting back to his office at the Consulate as a result of the street demonstrations around the Embassy.

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12:00 Noon - WDG notes on call from Louis Goelz.

Mr. Goelz returned my call and provided me the following information:

1. Mr. Jordan contacted Mr. Dadgar this morning and was told to call back at 2:00 PM.
2. Since demonstrations were going on in the vicinity of the Consulate where our passports are being held, Mr. Goelz said he could arrange to take them to his home for PJC/WDG to pick up if that became necessary.
3. Mr. Goelz confirmed that Mr. Jordan has been contacting Mr. Dadgar for the Embassy for some time -- along with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and others.
4. Mr. Goelz will contact us later today after the 2:00 PM call to Dadgar.

2:15 PM - Call from Louis Goelz with the following information from Embassy conversation with Mr. Dadgar:

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1. He wants to meet with PJC/WDG at 8:30 AM tomorrow at his office on the 5th floor of the SSO building on Eisenhower. Apparently, this is where he keeps his records on the investigation.
 2. Mr. Dadgar wants to see documents or records which indicate our positions here in Tehran and also which positions we held in the U.S.

3. Mr. Dadgar will ask us if we are ready to answer his questions so he can get on with his investigation of our roles here.
4. Mr. Goelz recommended against having counsel present at this meeting and thought that just PJC/WDG should attend. He said we could ask for another meeting with counsel if the questions were too rough or we didn't want to continue by ourselves.
5. I asked Mr. Goelz to recontact Mr. Dadgar to find out where the office is located at SSO and to establish some type of fallback means of communication if demonstrations prevent us from being able to meet at the SSO building tomorrow.
6. Mr. Goelz mentioned that he thought Mr. Dadgar was favorably disposed toward us in this matter (PJC/WDG, Embassy personnel, etc.).
7. Mr. Jordan called back to tell us that Mr. Dadgar would be in the building on the 5th floor and will have prearranged with the guard for PJC/WDG to be allowed to enter and meet with him. Mr. Jordan repeated the information I had just received from Mr. Goelz.

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