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Truly an insight into the world of politicians, arms dealers, and double agents written by a Washington insider who served under Ford, Carter and Reagan on the National Security Council after a 22 year Navy career. The resulting fire destroyed both aircraft and killed eight servicemen. Many Iranians remembered a time in 1953 when the prime minister of Iran had challenged the authority of the shah, who in turn, fled the country.

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The helicopters would fly 600 miles 970 km to Desert One, refuel, load up the Delta Force and part of the Ranger teams, and then fly 260 miles 420 km further to Desert Two.

**October Surprise conspiracy theory**

Carter approved a hostage rescue mission by an elite paramilitary unit, the American commandos led by Colonel Charles Beckwith. For that long, the United States had provided political support and, more recently, massive military assistance to the government of the shah of Iran.

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CVW-14 Marine F-4Ns were marked with a red VMFA-323 or yellow VMFA-531 stripe enclosed by two black stripes while CVW-14 attack aircraft and had an orange stripe enclosed by two black stripes.

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The 2020s began with such a hair-raising blitz of Iran-related news that you probably missed the bombshell revelation about US-Iranian relations that came with the end of the 2010s. Harvey, of Roanoke, Virginia; Cpl

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