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House has requested the phone numbers of the FM and PM.

request queried headquarters to find out if the State of mission and if he approves involvement. Message comes back saying Sec State and Amb Oakley only two State officials aware of mission, they concur and all traffic should be kept in our channels. Copp states MacFarlane trying to phone FM.

Charge. He noted FM meeting just concluded mission reached says next step is for to send formal diplomatic note to FM. Note should characteristics of aircraft, routes to and from cargo. Upon receipt FM will consider request. promised note by 1100 hours 23 Nov. Informed Copp. He said he will allow time for my report to reach Washington then phone to discuss options.

Received msg directing to contact and to not MacFarlane just talked with FM who agreed to aircraft clearance.

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contacted MFA and conveyed above MacFarlane message only person available that time at MFA. not aware of telephone conversation MacFarlane/FM. Opined dip note still needed.

Charge went to For Ministry to meet presented note. Copp phoned to advise of new plan tentative involving three flights by two planes to 23-27 Nov. Copp said he having trouble arranging for planes for to Iran link.

Copp asked if I knew what was going on had I been briefed. Said Charge and I in dark but could make some guesses. Arranged for immediate meeting at parking lot. Lasted ten minutes. Copp said Hawks for Hostages de

Still no response from Foreign Ministry

told Charge decision reached but before conveying same Foreign Ministry would require second note. It had to contain two statements: a) operation has been undertaken for humanitarian reasons, and b) the operation is to free American hostage said if note delivered forthwith, decision would follow immediately. Obvious implication is decision would be positive. All found no problem with first point but hung up on second. Copp deferred to Washington. Copp

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