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Secretary of State John Kerry
U.S. State Department
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
20037

Dear Secretary Kerry,

Greetings. I hope this finds you well.

I write you with a personal request pertaining to a matter of historical interest. Recently, one of my former Fellows from my tenure in the Wilson Center approached me with an historical puzzle. Kai Bird is a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, and his current project is a biography of President Jimmy Carter.

Kai has sent me the enclosed 1991 memo, recently discovered in the George H.W. Bush presidential library. The document pertains to an investigation I led into the so-called "October Surprise" of 1980.

One of the major questions we had to address was whether William J. Casey had made a trip to Madrid, Spain in the summer of 1980, allegedly to meet with an Iranian representative of Ayatollah Khomeini. In 1991, our congressional investigation found no evidence to substantiate the charges that Casey had interfered with the negotiations to release the American hostages in Iran.

But now some intriguing evidence has emerged that strongly indicates that Mr. Casey, a private citizen at the time, did indeed travel to Madrid. As you know, he was then serving as Ronald Reagan's campaign manager. See the attached November 4, 1991 memo from Paul Beach, a Deputy Counsel in the White House. This document was recently found in the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library. Mr. Beach refers to the discovery of "a cable from the Madrid embassy indicating that Bill Casey was in town, for purposes unknown."

I would like to obtain a copy of this cable from the U.S. embassy in Madrid. It would likely be dated sometime around July 26-August 30, 1980. I would greatly appreciate it if you could instruct the appropriate State Department staff to conduct an

expedited search for this cable. The U.S. ambassador to Spain at the time was the late Terrence Todman.

A simple search of cable traffic from the Madrid embassy for the above dates might be sufficient to retrieve this document. On the other hand, copies of any such cables relevant to the 1991 Congressional investigation of the October Surprise may have been consolidated by Edward Williamson, the State Department counsel at the time. So a search of Mr. Williamson's papers from 1991 might prove to be a shortcut to retrieving the cable.

The Madrid embassy cable in question is now nearly thirty-six years old. But finding this document would greatly contribute to the public's understanding of what happened during the 1980 Iran hostage crisis.

With appreciation for your remarkable contributions to our country and with best wishes to you and your family for continued well-being.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee H. Hamilton', with a large, stylized loop at the top.

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