

Tehran, July 3, 1979.

Excellency:

As you may know, I have come to Tehran to succeed Charlie Naas as Charge d'Affaires ad interim at this Embassy pending the arrival of a new Ambassador from my country.

Charlie Naas has told me of the courtesies you showed to him and, through him, to this Embassy on a variety of occasions over the past several months. My Government has asked that I convey specifically our appreciation for the comments you made about the United States-Iranian relations in a media broadcast of June 21. As I mentioned to the Foreign Minister yesterday, a comment such as yours, as well as the Foreign Minister's statement of June 27, help greatly in developing a better understanding among our two peoples and governments in the difficult but important task of rebuilding a new relationship that reflects the new realities in Iran.

I am sure that you are very much pre-occupied with preparations to take up your new assignment in Scandinavia. Please permit me to express my congratulations on your assignment and my best wishes for your continued success in it.

Sincerely yours,

L. Bruce Laingen
Charge d'Affaires a.i.

His Excellency
Abbas Amir Entezam,
Deputy Prime Minister,
Tehran.