

My Beloved Grace,

I don't believe I can stand this administration much longer.

From incessant Warhawks to a president who entirely disregards my advice, I finally have been pushed to my limit. Diplomacy has been abandoned in place of unnecessary confrontation. I am afraid I will soon have to resign, particularly because of the failure of the operation I recently told you about. It was authorized without my knowledge due to Warren attending a meeting in my place and failing to inform me of the decision.

The rescue plan failed miserably resulting in American deaths. This kind of embarrassment is not something one can hide from, and to know I have worked hand in hand with such individuals who authorized the operation is shameful. The free flow of information has been obstructed and I no longer am able to associate with such an administration.

Ever since Carter allowed the Shah into the country the middle-east has seen utter chaos. It would seem the Ayatollah has awoken a new found flame and passion in the youth of Iran. His hardcore traditional Islamic values have played a strong role most certainly. Negotiations have been difficult with such a leader, as I've mentioned before. The little progress I made however was promptly demolished thanks to the president. Now, our people are stranded in a strange land and are likely being tortured in ways I dare not fathom.

When they will be released, no one can say. What I do know, however, is that I do not anticipate being cast to the side much longer. All I can hope for is that the records show in the face of disaster, I did my best and followed the diplomatic policies in place, while others did not. The decisions they made were without my knowledge, and more innocent men and women are suffering because of it.

Not only this, but the public outrage sparked by such a controversy is beginning to grow. How can I in good conscience support an administration with such public disdain? At this point, I would not be surprised if Reagan won.

We can talk more about all of this later; I just wanted to let you know our lives in the Carter Administration will likely soon be coming to an end. Talk soon.

Yours Truly,

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