

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Ken Follett
FROM: Paul Chiapparone
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SUBJECT: "THE BULL AND THE PEACOCK"

Overall I am really pleased with the way the book has turned out. The only general area of concern I have has to do with the average reader being able to follow the large number of players mentioned in the book. I like the fact that we give credit to the people who did participate and I believe if we have a disinterested third party read the book and indicate that's not a problem, then my concerns would diminish.

Ruthie shares generally the same feelings about the way the book has turned out, in that it does a very accurate job of portraying the people and the incident.

The following are my comments as they relate to some of the factual aspects of the book:

- Page 11 - Midway down the page. We arrived in Iran in August of 1977 not March as is indicated.
- Page 12 - Midway down the page. Ocean City is in the state of New Jersey.
- Page 15 - Three-fourths of the way down the page. Regarding Jay and I hesitating about the evacuation. It is important to clarify that the primary concern was the safety of our people. Every decision we made regarding whether or not to evacuate was made with the safety of our people being the primary concern.
- Page 20 - Midway down the page. The Gallagher's have a daughter, Kimberly. I believe she is Kathy's by a previous marriage. Kim was not in Iran at that time so it may not be important, but I thought you may want to know that.
- Page 30 - Bottom of the page. "It showed a maximum expected profit of 25%, which is in line with other contracts of this magnitude, both here and in the United States," I would change the "United States" to "Other Countries". Reasons being, it is more expensive for expatriates to do business overseas than it is in the United States, therefore, the price typically reflects the increased cost of moving people, housing, education for children, etc., etc.

- Page 31 - Top of the page. "And the Ministry must have the minutes of the meeting on file", I would remove the word must since there is no question in my mind that the Ministry did, and probably still does, have the minutes of these meetings.
- Page 60 - First quarter of the page. I was not an Army officer, I was an enlisted man.
- Page 81 - Bottom of the page. The description of Neghabat's vagueness being characteristically Iranian is not true in this case. I don't believe Neghabat was being vague to avoid answering our questions. I honestly believed that he did not know and was sincerely interested in knowing what was going on. In summary, Neghabat was very helpful to both of us while we were in jail and I want to be sure that we don't portray him in any way other than helpful.
- Page 187 - Midway down the page. We were told that the reason they closed the shutters when there were visitors was so that the prisoners could not see the women that came in.
- Page 222 - Bottom half of the page. I would like to be sure that we don't leave the reader with the feeling that Emrani's dossier is anything but false.
- Page 239 - First quarter of the page. The thought that Coburn and the rescue team would ambush the bus was not a daydream. I really thought as we were sitting in the bus that this may have been arranged by the rescue team and that they were going to come get us during the trip.
- Page 242 - Seventh sentence. Cathy Nyfeler's first name is spelled with a "C" and not a "K".
- Page 313 - The fourteenth sentence. The billionaire's head was not shaved, just his mustache.
- Page 365 - Bottom of the page. I believe the message from Admiral Moorer was that we should look for water and go out that way. That is when Colonel Simons said to tell Admiral Moorer that the only water here is in the kitchen sink.
- Page 369 - Middle of page. Boulware's comment of "Damn it Ross, I don't have time for this", does not seem like something Ralph would have said to Ross.
- Page 455 - Five lines from the bottom. I don't think we ought to mention Tuna's name. We ought to consistently call him Mr. Fish.