


Mr Paul Bucha



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Dear Mr Bucha,

Rich Gallagher kindly gave me your address. I am sending you a copy of the ~~third~~ draft of my book The Bull and the Peacock, about Paul Chiapparone and Bill Gaylord and their escape from Iran.

I hope you will read it and I should be most interested in any comments or corrections you ~~w~~might have.

In particular, Rich said that you had looked at the second draft and commented that I had not correctly characterised the relationship between EDS and the Mahvi Group. My information comes from EDS's ~~aw~~yers and from the State Department, but I believe you were closely involved ~~w~~ith the Mahvi deals and I ~~w~~ould welcome any new light you could throw on the relationship.

Mahvi is mentioned on pages 74A to 75, 303, 395 and 396.

Mahvi was described to me by a State Department man as 'a notorious illegal middleman, known in Tehran as the king of the five-percenters'. In the third draft I have softened this description, taking out the words 'notorious' and 'illegal' because I have so far been unable to contact Mr Mahvi and give him a chance to say for himself what he was. However I believe you are in touch with him, and I would be happy for you to show him the manuscript and this letter, in the hope that he too might comment.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this letter. I do hope for the kindness of a reply.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Follett.