

December 14, '91

Dear Mr. Cristol:

Your letter of December 6, just received on December 13.

I'd appreciate receiving the transcript of the tape of our interview, as well as a copy of the full tape itself. I of course have some notes, but you have the text. I would need it to respond, if a response is necessary.

I do not remember being specific about the date of the demonstrations at the Embassy. It was a hectic period at best, & the town was in constant turmoil. You sent a transcript of FBIS reports. Perhaps you noticed Prime Minister Karami's request (10 June) that citizens "stop their demonstrations."

I also did not specify any source or methodology for the intercepts, since I did not know them. I tried to be helpful & explained this to you in the interview. I certainly did not state that the interception was made by ^(or in) the Embassy. I do not

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Know the basis for your inquiry, but I cannot help with any information on the nature of the technical facilities in the U S G establishment, in Beirut or elsewhere.

I assume that, if such information was available for dissemination to the public domain, it would already have been secured through Freedom of Information Act requests. I assume you have considered this approach.

You said you had read Clark Clifford's "Counsel to the President", which discusses the Liberty attack in pp. 445-7. His statements are so unequivocal about the nature of the attack, and the responsibility of the Israeli government, that it seems clear that he had access to convincing evidence. It is unfortunate that his report to the President is still classified.

In my conversation with you, I believe I made clear that I had no further information that bore on the subject of the attack on the Liberty. That is still the case.

Sincerely - Dwight J. Porter