FROM: Tehran

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 354, July 24, 8 p.m.

RE: LONDON 72 (EYES ONLY AMBASSADOR).

EYES ONLY SECRETARY. NO (RPT NO) DISTRIBUTION EXCEPT AS DIRECTED BY SECRETARY’S OFFICE FROM HARRIMAN.


In all official documents and statements by Iran Gov't AIOC must be referred to as “former”. As ridiculous as this may seem considering the fact that AIOC is a UK company with extensive operations outside Iran, I believe Iran Gov't will consider it impossible to exclude “former” from anything written by them, and requesting them to do so will serve no (rpt no) useful purpose and might do harm. Omission of word by Iran Gov't will signify in eyes of public that they had abandoned nationalization. Iranians have said no (rpt no) one will expect the Brit, in their reply, to use the word.

RSP: RVW

GRADY