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VANCE CALL ON CARRINGTON

Line to take on the record: Mr Vance had an hour's talk with Lord Carrington this morning before going on to see the Prime Minister. They discussed Iran and Southern Africa, that is Rhodesia and Namibia. Lord Carrington reiterated the British Government's whole-hearted support for the US Government's efforts to secure the release of its hostages in Tehran without preconditions.

If pressed for details or asked what Mr Vance might have asked the British Government to do: I have no details of what passed at the talks. It would not be ⁱⁿ anyone's interest to begin speculating about those details.

You should say nothing else.

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SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S REMARKS TO THE PRESS OUTSIDE NO 10
AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND LORD CARRINGTON

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to speak with the Prime Minister and Lord Carrington. I'm most appreciative of the spirit of helpfulness and co-operation. We covered a broad range of matters centring primarily on Iran. And I think that's all I have to say at this moment.