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MEMORANDUM FOR: EUR - Mr. Vest
NEA - Mr. Constable
NEA/IRN - Mr. Precht ✓

FROM: NEA - Morris Draper ✓

The Canadian Embassy DCM, Mathieu, came in to see me today to talk about Lebanon, the Iranian situation, and the disposition of the Shaka case.

Rather plaintively, he said that the Prime Minister and his government were a little unhappy and uncomfortable that Canada did not seem to be consulted as closely by the U.S. about the Iranian situation as had been the case with the EC-9 and other European NATO partners. Trudeau, as opposition leader, was having a field day accusing the Clark government of being less than cooperative in support of the U.S. position in Iran, and this impression of a less than cooperative Canadian stance had been reinforced by Reston's newspaper columns.

Mathieu said that he had wished that Hodding Carter could mention Canada by name when talking about the help that U.S. allies had given. It sounded to many Canadians that only the Europeans were doing things.

Considering what the Canadians have done in Tehran, I think that we ought to try to meet these concerns voiced by Mathieu.

cc: PA - Mr. Hodding Carter III

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