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TO: TEHRAN.

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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM AMBASSADOR BYROADE

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU DID A GREAT JOB WITH THE SHAH, EVEN IF SNAGS DO DEVELOP LATER. WHAT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS SUBJECT BEING CLOSELY HELD WITHIN MY OWN OFFICE. IF IT BEGINS TO APPEAR THAT DEAL MAY MATERIALIZE, WILL WANT YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO HOW THINGS SHOULD BE HANDLED. I WOULD SUSPECT HENRY WOULD LIKE US TO RECEIVE SOME CREDIT IN VIEW HIS LONG AND UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT FOR US "TO FIND A WAY",-- AS INDEED SO WOULD I. ON THE OTHER HAND PLAYING THIS ONE IN A BALANCED FASHION WOULD BE EXTREMELY DELICATE, PARTICULARLY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE SHAH. IN THE LONG RUN, IT OCCURS TO ME, EVERYONE MIGHT BE BETTER OFF IF GESTURE WERE TO BE VOLUNTEERED DIRECTLY BY IRANIANS, AND OUR HAND NEVER SHOW. WOULD ASSUME YOU WOULD HOLD YOUR REPLY TO THIS PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. E2 IMPDET.

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