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TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

FOR ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS

1. REGRET THAT MY INVOLVEMENT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT WILL NOT PERMIT US TO MEET BEFORE YOU BECOME ENGAGED WITH YOUR IRANIAN HOSTS. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU, HOWEVER, ON YOUR RETURN FROM THE GULF.

2. AS WE WILL NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR VISIT, WONDER IF YOU MIGHT GIVE ME A RUNDOWN ON POINTS YOU PLAN TO MAKE TO THE SHAH AND YOUR IIN COLLEAGUES. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY NEW HARDWARE OR MISSIONS THAT MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATED FOR THE ALREADY HARD PRESSED IRANIAN NAVY. IF I MAY MAKE A SUGGESTION, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ATTEMPT TO CONVEY TO THE SHAH SOME IDEA OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK HE IS ASKING THE IIN TO TAKE ON. GEORGE BROWN DID THIS VERY WELL, I THOUGHT, IN HIS DISCUSSION OF THE IIAF WITH THE SHAH EARLIER THIS YEAR. YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS POINT WITH GEORGE BEFORE LEAVING.

3. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL ADVICE FOR HANDLING QUESTIONS WE MAY GET FROM THE PRESS ON YOUR VISIT?

4. WARM REGARDS.

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