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TO: GEN. BRENT SCOWCROFT
WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN [REDACTED]

(1) Minister of Court Alam phoned me late afternoon April 1 to ask on behalf of Shah what Secretary Schlesinger said in some recent interview about United States arms sales to Middle Eastern countries. Shah obviously got the impression FROM A RADIO BROADCAST that Secretary Schlesinger in some way indicated that arms sales to Iran might be shut off. (SHAH IS AT KISH ISLAND.)

(2) USIA wireless file of March 31 carries excerpts from interview Secretary Schlesinger gave to Public Broadcasting interviewer Henry Trewhitt of the Baltimore Sun. Excerpts do not, however, cover details in question.

(3) Sorry to trouble you with this, but would appreciate PROMPT textual reply of what Secretary Schlesinger said on question of arms sales.

Warm regards.

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