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FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN 0816
TO: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT, WHITE HOUSE, WASHDC IMMEDIATE
PLEASE DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 13

1. PLEASE DELIVER WHAT FOLLOWS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AS SOON AS CONVENIENT.

2. MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY: (A) SAW THE SHAH THIS MORNING (FEBRUARY 13), HE HAVING RETURNED FROM SWITZERLAND LAST EVENING. WHEN I TOLD HIM WHAT YOU WANTED WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ, HE LAUGHED AND SAID "BUT THAT IS WHAT I AM DOING". HE THEN TURNED SERIOUS AND ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR REQUEST COINCIDES WITH IRANIAN NATIONAL POLICY AND THAT HE WILL KEEP UP THE PRESSURE TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE IRAQIS WELL INTO THE SPRING. HE ADDED THAT YOUR DESIRE FITTED IN WELL WITH HIS OWN NEED TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE KURDS DURING THESE WEEK WHEN INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT AND KURDISH LEADERSHIP WILL BE TAKING PLACE.

(B) REFERRING TO IRAQI APPEAL TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SHAH ASKED THAT THE US BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL INTO THE USUAL PROCEDURE OF SENDING MESSAGES TO BOTH SIDES TO REFRAIN. HE RECOMMENDS TO YOU THAT IRAQI AGGRESSION BE PLAYED UP. HE CITES THE QUICK SHOWING ON MOSCOW TV OF IRANIAN TROOPS LOADING MORTARS AS A DEFINITE INDICATION THAT A SOVIET TV CREW HAD BEEN SENT TO THE IRAQI BORDER IN PREPARATION FOR THE SHOOT-OUT. HE COMMENTED THAT THE IRAQI ARTILLERY BARRAGE WAS SO INTENSE THAT IT BLASTED THE TOP OFF THE HILL UNDER ATTACK. HE SPOKE OF THE LACK OF ROADS ON THE IRANIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER AS CAUSING THE DELAY IN BRINGING UP IRANIAN ARTILLERY.

(C) IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFERENCE TO "IRAQI AGGRESSION" IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE, I HAVE SENT THROUGH STATE CHANNELS TO YOU AND USUN NEW YORK THE TEXT OF A KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE WHICH SHOULD BE USEFUL TO AMBASSADOR SCALI.

(D) WARM REGARDS AND MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CHEROKEE MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY 11-12. I FOR ONE AM OVERJOYED THAT YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY THE PRESSURES OF LIFE.

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2. MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY:

(A) WHEN I FINISHED BRIEFING THE SHAH ON THE STATE OF PLAY REGARDING SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND INFORMED HIM OF THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE USG TO CONTINUE ITS GOOD OFFICES UNLESS THE OIL EMBARGO IS LIFTED, THE SHAH COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF A GOOD FRIEND UNLESS HE POINTED OUT THAT HE FEELS IT UNWISE TO LINK US EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST WITH AN OIL EMBARGO WHICH DOES LITTLE HARM TO THE UNITED STATES. HE COMMENTED, "WHY SHOULD YOU WANT TO LOSE YOUR MAGNANIMOUS IMAGE IN THE ARAB WORLD?" IF YOU INSIST ON THE LIFTING OF THE OIL EMBARGO NOW, YOU WILL SIMPLY GIVE THE WORLD THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU ARE GREEDY AND AT THE SAME TIME YOU WILL OPEN THE WAY FOR THE RUSSIANS TO COME BACK INTO THE MIDDLE EAST, HE STRESSED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS DONE A MASTERFUL JOB OF REDUCING THE SOVIETS TO SILENCE AND OF PUSHING THEM OUT OF THE PICTURE, AND HE SAYS THAT HE HATES TO SEE THEM GET BACK INTO THE AREA PARTICULARLY WITH A RE-OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL IN THE OFFING. THE SHAH DEFINITELY AGREED, HOWEVER, TO SEND A MESSAGE TO KING FAISAL IN ANOTHER EFFORT TO PERSUADE HIM TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

(B) REMAINDER OF POINTS WHICH CAME UP DURING AUDIENCE WITH SHAH I WILL REPORT VIA REGULAR STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS. WARM REGARDS.

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