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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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TO: IMMEDIATE THE WHITE HOUSE.

PLEASE DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS 15 APRIL

FOR: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY

FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN

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REFS: A. WHITE HOUSE 40770

B. TEHRAN 857

C. WHITE HOUSE 40869

1. [REDACTED] MESSAGE FROM THE SHAH [REDACTED] WITH A REQUEST THAT IT BE FORWARDED FOR CONSIDERATION ALONG WITH EARLIER IRANIAN REQUESTS FOR INCREASED ORDNANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE KURDS:

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HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY HAS DIRECTED THE CHIEF OF SAVAK, GENERAL NASIRI, TO MAKE AN URGENT APPEAL FOR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING FOOD, ESPECIALLY WHEAT, FLOUR, SUGAR AND VEGETABLE OILS, TO THE KURDS WHO ARE IN A VERY BAD SITUATION DUE TO THE INFUX OF REFUGEES AND A TIGHTENING IRAQI ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF THEIR AREA. IRAN IS ALREADY SENDING FOOD SHIPMENTS TO THE KURDS AND WILL DO ITS MAXIMUM, BUT MANY FOODS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN IRAN ITSELF. AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN PORTING FOOD FOR SHIPMENT TO THE KURDS IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

2. BOTH SAVAK AND THE KURDS ARE AWARE OF THE MULTIPLICITY OF PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THE SECRETARY IS ENGAGED AND SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT THEM OFF ON THAT BASIS. WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT ANOTHER KURDISH DELEGATION HAS COME TO TEHRAN AND THAT GENERAL BARZANI HIMSELF MAY COME HERE LATER IN THE WEEK. WARM R-GARDS.

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SCOWCROFT, MCFARLANE, RODMAN

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