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TO: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, WHITE HOUSE

FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN

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1. MANY, MANY THANKS FOR REFERENCE.

2. SINCE PRESIDENT INSTRUCTED ME ONE DAY WHEN YOU WERE ABSENT FROM WASHINGTON TO EXTEND SPECIAL COURTESIES SET FORTH IN PARA. 3 OF REFERENCE WHEN I INVITED SHAH FOR VISIT, I AM NATURALLY PLEASED THAT PRESIDENT STILL WILLING TO FOLLOW THROUGH AS WELL AS TO ATTEND RECIPROCAL DINNER.

3. FULLY UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS WHICH MAY BE CREATED IN MINDS OF PRESIDENT BHUTTO AND PRIME MINISTER TANAKA. PERHAPS FOLLOWING THOUGHTS MAY BE HELPFUL IN THIS CONNECTION. IN ADDITION TO SHAH'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT, HE HAS FOR MANY YEARS THROWN HIS PERSONAL MANTLE OVER TWO SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE INTERCEPT INSTALLATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET MISSILE RANGES FROM WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO TAKE. HE PROVIDED F-5'S TO VIETNAM IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT ARGUMENT. HE HAS KEPT OIL FLOWING TO FREE WORLD AND

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HAS NEVER THREATENED TO WITHHOLD IT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES  
OR TO HOLD DOWN PRODUCTION FOR SAME REASON. RATHER HE IS  
DEDICATED TO INCREASING PRODUCTION. HE HAS BEEN A FORCE FOR  
MODERATION IN THE MOSLEM WORLD, AND DESPITE DESIRE TO DEVELOP  
"INDEPENDENT" FOREIGN POLICY, HAS SUPPORTED USG ON VIETNAM,  
STRONG ISRAEL, F-4'S TO KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA, AND OTHER  
IMPORTANT ISSUES. HIS PRIVATELY-VOICED CONCERN OVER  
PRESIDENT'S WELFARE IN RECENT DAYS HAS SHOWN HOW FIRM A FRIEND  
AND SUPPORTER HE IS. AS FOR PRESIDENT BHUTTO, HE IS A RECENT  
ARRIVAL IN THE CHIEF OF STATE CLUB OF WHICH THE SHAH HAS BEEN  
MEMBER SINCE 1941. FURTHER, BHUTTO IS CONSIDERABLY BEHOLDEN  
TO SHAH FOR OPEN POLITICAL SUPPORT ON VARIETY OF ISSUES.

4. IN SUM, TRULY BELIEVE THAT IT IN BEST INTEREST OF  
UNITED STATES THAT PRESIDENT ATTEND RECIPROCAL DINNER BECAUSE  
OF ADDED ZEST IT WILL GIVE TO SHAH'S VISIT. INCIDENTALLY, I  
HAVE NO INTEREST WHATEVER IN CAVILLING, BUT ON TWO SEPARATE  
OCCASIONS HAVE HEARD SHAH PRESENT HIS DEFINITION OF PROTOCOL  
INVOLVED IN "STATE" VISIT. IN RAISING THIS HE WAS, IN HIS  
TERMS, BEING GRACIOUSLY CONSIDERATE OF PRESIDENT'S BURDENS.  
THEREFORE, WHEN IT IS KNOWN THAT PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND

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RECIPROCAL DINNER, SHAH WILL BE MIGHTILY PLEASED.

5. BEST REGARDS AND AGAIN WARMEST THANKS. ~~E2, IMPDET.~~

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