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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER, WASHINGTON

FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN

1. WARMEST AND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DESIGNATION AS SECRETARY OF STATE! AND MAY I APPLAUD YOUR EXQUISITE JUDGMENT IN ALSO KEEPING YOUR POSITION AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. THIS IS THE RIGHT COMBINATION.

2. YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF MY WARM FRIENDSHIP AND MY HIGH REGARD FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY TALENTS, SO I WILL NOT BELABOR ~~THESE~~ POINTS HERE. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THE COUNTRY WILL BE WELL SERVED IN THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT, AND THAT IS THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION.

3. NEXT TO THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT YOU NOW BECOME THE HIGHEST RANKING MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. I FEEL SURE THAT YOU WILL FILL THE POST WITH A DISTINCTION EQUAL TO ~~YOUR~~ ^{THAT OF} MOST DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSORS.

4. IT REMAINS ONLY TO WANT FOR YOU THE BEST OF HEALTH AND ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD WITH WARMEST ~~WISHES~~ ^{GOOD} WISHES FROM CYNTHIA

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AMBASSADOR'S MSG OF 23AUG TO WHITE HOUSE WAS DELIVERED TO
ADDRESSEE AT 23/1044Z OR 0544 LOCAL, WASHINGTON TIME.

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