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TO: TEHRAN.

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PLEASE PASS TO AMB. HELMS FROM CHARLES NAAS

1. IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB. ZAHEDI THAT SHAH'S VISIT WILL COMMENCE MAY 15. ARRIVAL CEREMONY, OVAL OFFICE MEETING AND PRESIDENT'S DINNER WILL TAKE PLACE THAT DAY.
2. PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO ATTEND RETURN DINNER GIVEN BY AMB. ZAHEDI IN HONOR OF SHAH ON MAY 16. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS VERY UNUSUAL DEPARTURE FROM CUSTOM SINCE PRESIDENT FORD HAS POLICY OF NOT ATTENDING RETURN FUNCTIONS. AT A MEETING ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO WITH PROTOCOL, AMB. ZAHEDI SAID IF PRESIDENT DID NOT ATTEND HIS FUNCTION IN HONOR OF SHAH THE VISIT WOULD BE CANCELLED.
3. WE WILL BE WORKING ON REST OF SCHEDULE AND KEEP YOU INFORMED.
4. NO FILE. E2 IMPDET.

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