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FOR UNDER SECRETARY JOHNSON, ASST SECY SISCO AND MIKLOS,
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SUBJ: SHAH'S PROPOSAL TO USG THAT AFTER RETIREMENT GENERAL
TWITCHELL SERVE AS CIVILIAN CONSULTANT

REF: (A) TEHRAN 3753 AND 3589
(B) AMB'S JULY 24 LETTER TO MIKLOS

1. HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM GEN. WESTMORELAND DATED AUGUST 12 TAKING POSITION, IN WHICH HE SAYS GENERALS THROCKMORTON AND GOODPASTER CONCUR, THAT CONSULTANCY OF GENERAL TWITCHELL WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF US AND COULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO SUCCESS OF NEW ARMISH/MAAG CHIEF. WESTMORELAND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT IF TWITCHELL REMAINS WILLIAMSON WOULD EVER GET TO KNOW SHAH AND DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP COMPARABLE TO THAT BETWEEN SHAH AND TWITCHELL AND QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF TWITCHELL'S EMPLOYMENT AS "EGSO GERMAINE TO THIS ISSUE." HE CONCLUDES BY OPPOSING SHAH'S PROPOSAL TO HAVE TWITCHELL SERVE AS CONSULTANT AND SAYS HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS CLEAR DEMARCATION LINE BETWEEN JOBS OF TWITCHELL AND CHIEF A/M.

2. WHILE I REALIZE WESTMORELAND'S LETTER REFLECTS POSITION OF US ARMY, SHAH ADDRESSED HIS PROPOSAL TO US GOVERNMENT. I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH WESTMORELAND'S VIEWS AND OFFER FOLLOWING COMMENT FOR CONSIDERATION OF USG IN REACHING DECISION ON SHAH'S REQUEST. FIRST, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO WESTMORELAND, THROCKMORTON AND GOODPASTER, I THINK NONE OF THEM REALLY UNDER-

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEWLY FORMED IRAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, WHICH IS TO BE GOI-OWNED WITH NORTHROP A MINORITY PARTNER. HE HAS ALSO BEEN DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH NEW AMMUNITION FACTORY AND TAKE ON INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH COORDINATION OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PRODUCTION.

5. IN ORDER FOR TOUFANIAN TO MEET THESE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES SHAH HAS DIRECTED HIM TO EXPAND HIS ORGANIZATION, DEVELOP OVER-ALL MANAGEMENT STAFF, AND ESTABLISH NEW PROCEDURES. SHAH HAS TOLD TOUFANIAN TO LOOK FOR SOME WELL-QUALIFIED CIVILIANS AND HAS AUTHORIZED HIM TO EMPLOY APPROPRIATE FOREIGN CONSULTANTS. IN FIRST PLACE, HOWEVER, SHAH WANTS TWITCHELL AS CONSULTANT IN THESE AREAS WHICH OBVIOUSLY DO NOT FALL WITHIN

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ARMISH/MAAG COMPETENCE. IN VIEW OF NATURE AND SENSITIVITY OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVED, ANY CONSULTANT WILL HAVE TO HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE OF GOI AND AS IN EVERY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO MILITARY HERE, BE PERSONALLY APPROVED BY SHAH. IN SUM, SHAH IS GOING TO HAVE FOREIGN ADVISOR (OR ADVISORS). HE WANTS TWITCHELL BUT IF WE PREVENT HIS ACCEPTING, SHAH WILL TURN ELSEWHERE (AND WE CANNOT BE SURE IT WILL NECESSARILY BE TO AN AMERICAN) TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS. FURTHERMORE, IF WE REPLY NEGATIVELY IT BOUND TO HAVE SOME EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH SHAH. HE MAY SEE IT AS BUREAUCRATIC USG ROADBLOCK IN HIS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HIS OVER-ALL DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. SUCH AN IMPRESSION CLEARLY POSSIBLE SINCE SHAH KNOWS RETIRED US ARMY BRIG GEN ZITSMAN PRESENTLY SERVING AS CONSULTANT TO MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF GOI AND FORMER MAAG CHIEF, GEN JABLONSKI, ALSO IS IN EFFECT SERVING AS CONSULTANT AND ADVISER TO OFFICIAL IRANIAN AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR TELECOM-MUNICATIONS PROJECT. THEREFORE, AND REPLY THAT IT NOT LEGALLY POSSIBLE FOR TWITCHELL TO BE EMPLOYED AFTER RETIREMENT BY AMERICAN CONSULTANT FIRM WHICH WOULD BE UNDER CONTRACT TO GOI TO ASSIST IN DEFENSE AREA SIMPLY WILL NOT WASH WITH HIM. AND, OF COURSE, ANY REPLY INDICATING USG OPPOSES TWITCHELL AS CIVILIAN CONSULTANT FOR REASONFRGET FORTH IN WESTMORELAND'S LETTER WOULD BE DISASTROUS.

6. TO CONCLUDE, I FEEL STRONGLY OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS WILL BEST BE SERVED BY HAVING TWITCHELL SERVE AS CIVILIAN CONSULTANT AFTER RETIREMENT. I AM CONVINCED THAT AREA IN WHICH SHAH WANTS HIS ADVICE DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH ARMISH/MAAG RESPONSIBILITIES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE. I WOULD EMPHAZIZE AGAIN THAT

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TWITCHELL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS PROPOSAL WHICH ORIGINATED WITH SHAH AND IF HE TAKES THIS JOB ON IT WILL BE AT SOME PERSONAL SACRIFICE. IF THERE IS ANY PROSPECT OF A NEGATIVE DECISION BEING TAKEN, I RECOMMEND THIS MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH WHITE HOUSE SINCE IF WE GIVE SHAH A TURN-DOWN, HE WILL NOT ONLY BE EXTREMELY DISPLEASED BUT ALSO MAY EVEN TAKE IT UP WITH PRESIDENT. THERE IS SOME URGENCY IN THIS MATTER AS I HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT IT TWICE WITHIN LAST WEEK, ONCE AT CABINET LEVEL.

7. SUGGEST THIS MESSAGE BE SHOWN TO GEN. WESTMORELAND.
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