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TO: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, WASHINGTON

FROM: AMB. RICHARD HELMS, TEHRAN

SUBJECT: IRANIAN ARMS FOR PAKISTAN

1. PER YOUR REQUEST I HAVE LOOKED INTO IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN AND HAVE ASCERTAINED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT IT IS ~~POSSIBLY~~ ^{UNLIKELY} AND WILL PROBABLY REMAIN SO UNLESS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO EASE UP ON ITS BAN AGAINST TRANSFER OR SALE OF AMERICAN EQUIPMENT. FOR THIS REASON I GENERATED TEHRAN EMBASSY TELEGRAM NR. 2368 OF APRIL 12. THE ITEMS ENUMERATED THERE WOULD BE DISTINCTLY USEFUL TO PAKISTAN WITHOUT BEING OF THE KIND DESIGNED TO SEND THE INDIANS INTO PAROXYSMS.

2. I PUT THIS MATTER THROUGH STATE, BECAUSE IT IS IN BITS AND PIECES AT VARIOUS U.S. AND IRANIAN DEPARTMENTS

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