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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER, WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON

FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN

1. THANK YOU FOR WH 31209. AM INCLINED TO AGREE WITH YOUR PARAGRAPH THREE. LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR NOW.

2. MAY I RECOMMEND THAT YOU TRY TO FIND TIME FOR A FEW MINUTES WITH ROBERT AMES OF THE AGENCY WHO IS ASSISTING ME HERE ON THE PERSIAN GULF PROBLEMS. HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON UNTIL ABOUT 15 JUNE. HE CAN CONVEY USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE GULF AS WELL AS CHINESE SUPPORT FOR PFLOAG, BOTH OF WHICH ARE ITEMS YOU ASKED ME TO FOCUS ON. HE KNOWS MY VIEWS, WHICH I WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU HAD WE HAD A CHANCE FOR A TALK WHILE I WAS IN WASHINGTON. I WAS GENUINELY SORRY TO MISS YOU. INCIDENTALLY, AMES CAN BE REACHED THROUGH JOHN WALLER'S OFFICE.

3. PLEASE THANK THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS LETTER OF MAY 9 WHICH I ASSUME YOU DRAFTED. THANK YOU AND WARMEST REGARDS.

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