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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DECEMBER 22, 1974

FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN [Redacted]

REF: (A) Tehran [Redacted]
(B) WH 43557

1. At audience on December 21 Shah said that when he goes to Cairo on January 7, he would be glad to carry any message you might want to send to President Sadat. I told him that I would communicate this gracious offer to you but that he (the Shah) should understand that you might not desire to avail yourself of this gesture.
2. The Shah then repeated his comment contained in para four of reftel A about President Sadat's recent offer as being "an unhoped for opportunity". He emphasized that he was most hopeful that progress on a new Israeli withdrawal could be made before the Brezhnev visit to Cairo. In other words, the Shah was simply passing to you again his strong conviction that the Israelis should accept President Sadat's most recent ~~offer~~ ^{proposition} as being by all odds the best they could get.
3. Warm regards.

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