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DELIVER UPON OPENING OF BUSINESS

MARCH 31, 1973

TO: AMBASSADOR HELMS - TEHRAN

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

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REF: IRAN []

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR THE CABLE YOU SENT ON YOUR ARRIVAL.

WE HAVE DONE FURTHER WORK ON THE QUESTION OF THE DATE FOR THE SHAH'S VISIT AND NOW WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO PROPOSE TO HIM THE DATES OF JULY 17 OR JULY 24. EITHER ONE IS SATISFACTORY TO US, SO WE WILL ACCEPT WHICH EVER IS CONVENIENT FOR THE SHAH.

PLEASE ANSWER IN THIS CHANNEL. ONCE IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED, WE WILL PUT IT IN REGULAR CHANNELS.

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