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CITE TEHRAN
TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER (EYES ONLY), WASHINGTON
FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN
1. AT LARGE DINNER ON AUGUST 18 GIVEN BY QUEEN MOTHER IN
HIS HONOR, SHAH ASKED ME TO JOIN HIM FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION SINCE
HE WAS IMMEDIATELY RETURNING TO NOWSHAHR FOR ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE
SETTLING DOWN IN TEHRAN.
2. SHAH TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON AFGHAN NOTE ABOUT ARREST IN
PAKISTAN OF BALUCHI LEADERS. THIS IS COVERED IN NORMAL STATE
CHANNELS.
4. SHAH REMINDED ME THAT BOTH YOU AND DEFENSE HAD PROMISED
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HIM RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPER MIX OF F-14 AND F-15
AIRCRAFT HE SHOULD PURCHASE. I INDICATED THAT SUCH STUDIES
TAKE TIME BUT THAT I WOULD INQUIRE OF YOU WHEN SOME RESPONSE
MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

- ARABIA AND JORDAN WHEN HE RETURNS TO TEHRAN. HE SAID THAT
 YOU HAD MENTIONED THIS MATTER TO AMB. ZAHEDI BUT THAT HE HAD
 TOLD ZAHEDI HE WOULD HANDLE WITH ME. INCIDENTALLY, THERE WAS
 SOMETHING IN SHAH'S MANNER WHICH MADE ME CONCERNED THAT HE MAY
 BE OVERREADING THIS EXERCISE. THE ORIENTAL MIND CAN RAPIDLY
 CONMURE UP ELEMENTS WHICH DO NOT NECESSARILY EXIST, AND I
 FEEL THAT IT BEHOOVES ME NEXT TIME AROUND TO PUT THIS IN
 PROPER PERSPECTIVE. THE LAST THING WE NEED IS SOME ILL-ADVISED
 MOVE OR INQUIRY WHICH MIGHT GET BACK TO SAUDIS. IT IS HAZARDOUS
 ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE SHAH HIMSELF AND WHAT MIGHT BECOME
 HIS TEMPTATION TO DO SOME LEAKING FOR HIS OWN POLITICAL PURPOSES.
- 6. WARM REGARDS.
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