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FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN

TO: JAMES R. SCHLESINGER, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WASHINGTON

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER SEND MR. HALLOCK TO LOOK INTO IRAN'S PROBLEM OF MANAGING RESOURCES FOR MILITARY DEVELOPMENT. AS GEN. BRETT AND I DISCUSSED LAST WEEK, THIS IS CHIEF PROBLEM IN US-IRANIAN MILITARY RELATIONS AND NUMBER ONE ITEM ON HIS AGENDA. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AND FOR ASSISTANCE MR. HALLOCK CAN PROVIDE.

2. HAVE DISCUSSED HIS VISIT WITH GEN. BRETT. BELIEVE LAST WEEK THIS MONTH WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE TIME, THEREBY GIVING THE GENERAL TIME TO COMPLETE HIS CALLS AND SETTLE IN SOMEWHAT. DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE FOR MR. HALLOCK TO PLAN X ON SEEING THE SHAH THIS VISIT. AS YOU KNOW, KIND OF ANALYSIS THAT IS NEEDED COULD EASILY RUN AFOUL OF SOVEREIGN DISPLEASURE IF GROUND IS NOT CAREFULLY PREPARED. GEN. BRETT AND I WILL MENTION MR. HALLOCK'S VISIT AND ITS PURPOSE WHEN WE HAVE

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AUDIENCE NEXT WEEK. IF SHAH SHOWS STRONG INTEREST AND A REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE IS INDICATED, WE CAN ARRANGE IT FOR MR. HALLOCK. OTHERWISE, ON THIS INITIAL VISIT, SUGGEST IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR HIM TO CONCENTRATE ON IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS AND SELECTED, LOW-KEY MEETINGS WITH IRANIANS.

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