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TO: IMMEDIATE SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON.
FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN.

1. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY HAD A CHANCE TO DO SO, RECOMMEND YOU FOCUS ON PROPOSED PRIVATE VISIT OF OMANI SULTAN QABUS TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY JANUARY. HE IS LEAVING MUSCAT AROUND DECEMBER 10 FOR TRIP TO EUROPE WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART DIRECTLY FOR UNITED STATES. IF WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF HE COULD BE GIVEN WORD IN NEXT FEW DAYS WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT AND YOU.

2. QABUS IS INTELLIGENT, AGREEABLE, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE FLEW ME TO SALALAH MONDAY FOR AN AUDIENCE, AND I HAD A GOOD CHANCE TO TAKE HIS MEASURE. IN ADDITION, I TALKED AT LENGTH PRIVATELY WITH AMBASSADOR WOLLE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAWLEY, AND BRITISH GENERAL CREASEY, THE COMMANDER OF THE SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES. QABUS IS CLEARLY A STAUNCH FRIEND OF THE WEST, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, SUPPORTS OUR POLICIES INTELLIGENTLY (READ DIEGO GARCIA), IS WORKING OVERTIME TO BRING HIS COUNTRY INTO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, AND IS

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IN A FAIR WAY TO WINNING OUT OVER THE REBELS IN DHOFAR WITH
A GOOD MIX OF CIVIC ACTION AND MILITARY OPERATIONS. IN SHORT,
THIS YOUNG MAN DESERVES OUR RECOGNITION.

3. FOREGOING IS WRITTEN ON MY OWN INITIATIVE. QABUS
NEVER SPOKE OF THE WASHINGTON TRIP TO ME. I GLEANED THE
BACKGROUND AND DETAILS FROM AMBASSADOR WOLLE.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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