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TO: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, WASHINGTON
FROM: AMBASSADOR RICHARD HELMS, TEHRAN

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR INFORMATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND YOU.

2. AT AUDIENCE ON 24 APRIL FOR SECRETARY RUSH AND SISCO, THE SHAH RAISED THE SUBSTANCE OF TEHRAN 061. THIS TIME HOWEVER, HE PUT FORWARD HIS SUGGESTION IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO YAMANI INTIMATION THAT SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT LIMIT OIL PRODUCTION UNLESS QUOTE THE RIGHT POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE UNQUOTE IS ACHIEVED. SHAH FURTHER STRESSED THAT SOME MOVE OF THIS SORT WOULD QUIET DOWN SADAT, THUS KEEPING HIM FROM SOME QUOTE SUICIDAL UNQUOTE MILITARY VENTURE AGAINST ISRAEL.

State Dept. review completed

3. AT SAME AUDIENCE SHAH INDICATED HE WANTED TO SEE PROMPT AGREEMENT REACHED IN OIL NEGOTIATIONS. HE STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION OIL COMPANIES HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BY DELAY. HE CONTENDS THAT HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO DRIVE UP CRUDE OIL PRICES EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO BE DISADVANTAGED BY DEVALUATION AND THAT HE EXPECTS REVENUES COMPARABLE TO THOSE WORKED OUT WITH OPEC UNDER PARTICIPATION ARRANGEMENTS. PUT ANOTHER WAY THE SHAH REALIZES THAT IF HE DRIVES CRUDE OIL PRICES TOO HIGH, IT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE COST OF GOODS HE MUST BUY AND IMPORT FROM U.S., EUROPE, AND JAPAN. THIS HE FEELS HE SHOULD AVOID, CERTAINLY AT THIS JUNCTURE.

4. NEW SUBJECT: I STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO SECRETARY RUSH, AT END OF SUCCESSFUL NEA CHIEF OF MISSIONS CONFERENCE HERE, THAT U.S. DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN PERSIAN GULF BE UPGRADED. AS OF NOW OUR AMBASSADOR IN KUWAIT IS ACCREDITED TO OMAN, UAE, BAHRAIN, ETC., WITH POLITICAL OFFICER (CALLED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES) PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED. IT STRIKES ME THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD SIGNAL AND FLATTER ARAB SENSIBILITIES IF RESIDENT

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AMBASSADOR WERE ACCREDITED TO UAE AT LEAST. ON OTHER SIDE
OF COIN, OUR PRESENT DIPLOMATIC POSTURE LOOKS WEAK PARTICULARLY
IF ANYTHING UNTOWARD WERE TO HAPPEN IN AREA.
5. WARM REGARDS AS ALWAYS.

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TO: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, WASHINGTON IMMEDIATE
FROM: AMB. RICHARD HELMS, TEHRAN
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PLEA FOR U.S. MEDIATION

1. DURING POST-PRESENTATION-OF-CREDENTIALS TALK WITH SHAH ON 5 APRIL, HE ASKED ME TO INFORM PRESIDENT THAT EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ZAYYAT ON RECENT VISIT HERE PLEADED WITH SHAH TO INTERCEDE WITH PRESIDENT TO PERSUADE HIM TO ARRANGE SOME KIND OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO SHAH ZAYYAT SAID QUOTE EGYPT WILL ACCEPT THE ROGERS PLAN UNQUOTE. WHEN SHAH QUERIED FOREIGN MINISTER AS TO WHY HE WAS SO CONCERNED ABOUT SETTLEMENT, ZAYYAT ASSERTED THAT SADAT IS IN PRECARIOUS DOMESTIC SITUATION AND THAT NEW LEADERS MIGHT TAKE OVER EGYPTIAN ARMY AT ALMOST ANY TIME. ASKED BY SHAH WHO THESE LEADERS MIGHT BE, ZAYYAT HEMMED AND HAWED, FINALLY SAID QUOTE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD UNQUOTE. SHAH INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN RADICAL ELEMENTS BUT ADMITS ZAYYAT DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY SO. NEVERTHELESS SHAH WAS STRUCK WITH ZAYYAT'S PLEADIN TONE. HE SAID HE SYMPATHIZED WITH EGYPT'S PLIGHT EVEN THOUGH HE REALIZES THAT IF EGYPT CAN EVER REASSERT HERSELF, SHE WILL GO RIGHT BACK TO TRYING TO ORGANITE THE LEADERSHIP OF ARAB WORLD. HE MUSED ABOUT THE UTILITY OF RECREATING THE FOUR-POWER APPROACH TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION, THEN OPINED THAT IF THIS WERE NOT VIABLE, PERHAPS A FEW OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT BE ADDED TO PROVIDE LESS OF THE GREAT-POWER SYNDROME. HE QUICKLY SHRUGGED OFF THE DESIRE OF IRAN TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SUCH MEDIATION, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT QUOTE IF DRAFTED, HE WOULD RUN UNQUOTE.

2. SHAH STATED THAT HE SENSED IN ZAYYAT'S ATTITUDE ALMOST IRRESISTIBLE DOMESTIC PRESSURE IN EGYPT TO RESUME SOME TYPE OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST ISRAEL. WITH LARGE ARMY ON ACTIVE DUTY PLUS CONCOMITANT COSTS OF MAINTAINING IT, EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP FEELING INCREASINGLY IMPELLED QUOTE TO DO SOMETHING UNQUOTE. SHAH SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD ZAYYAT MOST EMPHATICALLY THAT EGYPT SHOULD NOT FRONTALLY ATTACK ISRAEL ACROSS THE CANAL

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UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. QUOTE FIRE YOUR GUNS IF YOU WANT
UNQUOTE THE SHAH STATES HE TOLD HIM, BUT AN ATTACK INTO SINAI
QUOTE WOULD BE SUICIDAL FOR EGYPT UNQUOTE.
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