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TO: PRIORITY TEHERAN.

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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM BYROADE

FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHI TOOK INITIATIVE  
YESTERDAY TO INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR VISIT HERE.  
HE SAID THAT SINCE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE POSTPONED,  
YOUR PREFERRED DATES OF JANUARY 10-13 WOULD BE  
GOOD HERE. IF YOU CANNOT NOW MAKE THESE DATES,  
THEY WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER DATE  
IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

HOPE THESE DATES ARE STILL CONVENIENT TO YOU,  
BUT WE CAN DO IT LATER ON IF YOU WISH. I HAD  
PLANNED TO GET NEW DATES FROM BHUTTO WHEN I NEXT  
SEE HIM. THIS INITIATIVE ON THEIR PART SHOWS  
THAT THEY ARE AS EAGER AS WE REGARDS YOUR VISIT.

WARMEST REGARDS.

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