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MARCH 12, 1973

FOR: CAS [ ] TEHRAN, IRAN

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

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WOULD YOU PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SHAH.

BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

I AM MOST EAGER, AS I BEGIN MY SECOND TERM, TO REVIEW WITH YOU THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO UNDERTAKE A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS SOMETIME DURING THE MONTH OF MAY? I HAVE BEEN THINKING IN TERMS OF A DATE AROUND MAY 29TH, BUT I AM NOT TIED TO ANY PARTICULAR DATE.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESUME OUR DIALOGUE AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO FIND AN EARLY AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY DATE.

SINCERELY,

HR70-14  
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RICHARD NIXON

APPROVED FOR RELEASE  
DATE: MAR 2008

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~~THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOUR EYES ONLY BUT SHOULD BE SHOWN TO AMBASSADOR HELMS WHEN HE ARRIVES ON STATION.~~

WARM REGARDS.

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