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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

FOR OCI

1. SHAH HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR HELMS THAT ACCORDING TO HIS
(INFORMATION) ~~ESTIMATE~~ IRAQ AND SYRIA EACH INDIVIDUALLY POSSESS MORE TANKS
^ THAN IRAN.

2. AMBASSADOR REQUESTS FROM OCI ASAP FOR PASSAGE TO SHAH,
LATEST FIGURES ON TANK HOLDINGS BY SYRIA AND IRAQ (A) BEFORE
HOSTILITIES BEGAN ON 6 OCTOBER, (B) AS OF NOW.

3. AMBASSADOR WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ESTIMATE OF IRAN'S
TANK STRENGTH FOR HIS OWN INFORMATION. THANKS. E2 IMPDET.

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NOTE: WHEN THE ANSWER TO THIS COMES IN, GIVE IT TO AMBASSADOR
PROMPTLY.

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