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DELIVER AT OOB OCTOBER 13.

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT, WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON.

FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN.

FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE GIVEN ME AT 11:30 LOCAL OCTOBER 13 BY COURT MINISTER ALAM WHO ACTING ON SHAH'S INSTRUCTIONS. IT REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT AND DR. KISSINGER ONLY ⁶ RPT ONLY.

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR EROFEEV HAD AUDIENCE WITH SHAH THURSDAY EVENING. HE ASKED SHAH IF SOVIET MILITARY PLANES COULD FLY TO DAMASCUS AND BAGHDAD THROUGH IRANIAN AIR SPACE. THE SHAH SAID QUOTE NO UNQUOTE. EROFEEV THEN ASKED IF AEROFLOT MIGHT FLY ONE OF ITS AIRCRAFT ONCE THROUGH IRANIAN AIR SPACE TO BAGHDAD TO CARRY SPARE PARTS FOR AEROFLOT PLANES IN SYRIA. THE SHAH AGREED TO THIS ONE FLIGHT SINCE IT CONCERNED A CIVILIAN AIR MATTER.

2. KING FAISAL REQUESTED THE SHAH ^{THIS} ~~THIS~~ MORNING TO SEND IRANIAN MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANES TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR INTERNAL USE. THE SHAH IMMEDIATELY AGREED TO THIS REQUEST. FIVE C-130'S ARE INVOLVED. THEY WILL BE FLOWN ONLY INSIDE SAUDI

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ARABIA ^(AND) BY IRANIAN CREWS. THE SHAH FELT THAT HE COULD NOT REACT OTHERWISE TO THIS REQUEST FROM KING FAISAL, BECAUSE FOR YEARS HE HAS BEEN ^{WAITING FOR} ~~FOR THIS REASON~~ THE KING TO EXTEND HIS HAND IN SOME SUCH MANNER AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS EVER DONE SO. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SHAH DID NOT FEEL THAT HE COULD REFUSE THE ONLY REQUEST HE HAS EVER HAD FROM ~~THE~~ KING FAISAL.

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3. THE SHAH BELIEVES THAT GREAT EMOTION HAS BEEN GENERATED IN MUSLIM COUNTRIES OVER THIS WAR. HE REGARDS IT AS UNPRECEDENTED IN HIS EXPERIENCE. ^{BY THIS FACT} ~~FOR THIS REASON~~, HE ^{FEELS} ~~REGARDS~~ THE PRESENT SITUATION ^{WILL BE} ~~MADE~~ MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. ~~BY THIS REASON~~ ^{WHICH} ~~LED~~ IT WAS HIS CONCERN THAT SUCH WOULD BE THE CASE ~~WHICH~~ LED HIM IN RECENT MONTHS TO URGE THE BIG POWERS TO FIND SOME ~~SOME~~ SOLUTION TO THE ARAB/ISRAELI PROBLEM.

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