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TO: AMBASSADOR HELMS
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT - WHITE HOUSE

FURTHER TO LEN GARMENT'S MESSAGE OF LAST EVENING, JIM FLETCHER OF NASA HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED. NASA BELIEVES THAT DR. WEISSNER'S IDEA TO PRESENT THE GIFT (A CRYSTAL GROWN UNDER ZERO GRAVITY) TO THE SHAH IS EXTREMELY UNWISE, MAYBE ILLEGAL, AND IN ANY CASE MUST NOT REPEAT MUST NOT BE DONE. NASA FURTHER REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE RETURNED TO THEM AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. I PASS THIS WITH NO PERSONAL EXPERTISE OR JUDGMENT ON THE MATTER BUT ONLY TO CONVEY NASA'S VERY STRONG VIEWS.

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