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TO: GEN. BRENT SCOWCROFT IMMEDIATE
WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DECEMBER 19, 1974

FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN

~~PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER~~

1. Please be kind enough to pass the following message to Secretary Kissinger: BEGIN TEXT In your audience with the Shah on November 1, you told him that you would send the TOW co-production proposal to me for passing to him in order to obtain his private reaction and comments. You further indicated that you had held up the TOW proposal but would probably approve it in the end. (paragraph) Raise this matter with you at this juncture, because on December 18 General Toufanian, the officer responsible for Iran's procurement of military equipment, told an Armish/Maag officer that the Shah had intimated to him that you had given approval on the co-production of the TOW missile in Iran. (paragraph) Please let me know if there is anything I should convey to the Shah on this subject for you since I hope to see him on December 22.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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