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TO: TEHRAN.

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM
MR. CARVER.

DEAR DICK:

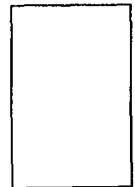
1. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW ALREADY, BOB SLIGHTON -- THE NIO FOR ECONOMICS AND ENERGY -- ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT NIO, RON SMITH, WILL BE VISITING TEHRAN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH. THEY ARRIVE EARLY ON SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, AND WILL BE LEAVING THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (19 FEBRUARY). SINCE THE 17TH IS A HOLIDAY, BOB PLANS TO SPEND THAT DAY ON A TRIP TO ISFAHAN.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. MISSION THE DRAFT OF AN INTERAGENCY PAPER ON "THE LIKELIHOOD AND CONSEQUENCES OF ARAB USE OF THE OIL WEAPON IN 1975." THIS PROJECT IS ONE IN WHICH THERE IS CONSIDERABLE HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST HERE, HENCE BOB IS TRAVELLING TO CAIRO, JIDDA AND TEHRAN TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT AND ITS CONCLUSIONS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE U.S. OFFICIALS ON THE SCENE BEFORE THE OPUS GETS JELLED IN FINAL FORM FOR SUBMISSION TO ITS NSC-LEVEL CONSUMERS IN WASHINGTON.

3. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, I THINK YOU WOULD ENJOY TALKING TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THEIR PROJECT IS CERTAINLY ONE WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. YOU WILL REMEMBER RON FROM VIETNAM DAYS DURING WHICH HE DID YEOMAN WORK IN OER. BOB IS A MOST ABLE OFFICER WHOM WE LURED FROM THE RAND CORPORATION TO TAKE THIS ASSIGNMENT. HE IS A MEMBER OF A RARE SPECIES: AN ECONOMIST WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH. YOU WILL FIND HIM GOOD COMPANY AS WELL AS ONE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON HIS SUBJECT.

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4. ON QUITE ANOTHER MATTER, THE DAY OF YOUR DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON (25 JANUARY), BUT WELL PRIOR THERETO, I HAD A COURIER BRING YOU A COPY OF WALT ROSTOW'S LETTER TO ABE ROSENTHALL. IT WAS IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO YOU LEFT AT KATHLEEN BELL'S RESIDENCE ON GRAMERCY STREET. SHE DOES NOT REMEMBER SEEING IT BUT FEELS CERTAIN THAT IT REACHED YOU. IF BY ANY CHANCE IT DID NOT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL SEND YOU ANOTHER COPY IF YOU WANT IT. RUTH JOINS ME IN WARMEST REGARDS TO YOU AND CYNTHIA.

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