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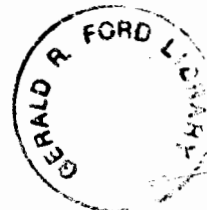
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PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SHAH TO THE PRESIDENT: BEGIN
TEXT TEHRAN, MAY 3, 1975, TO THE HONORABLE GERALD FORD,
WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE
FACT THAT YOU HAVE INFORMED ME OF YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN
SALZBURG, AUSTRIA. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO WISH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR SEARCH FOR
A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE EMPRESS
AND I BOTH LOOK FORWARD WITH THE GREATEST PLEASURE TO
SEEING YOU AND MRS. FORD IN WASHINGTON LATER IN
THE MONTH. AND, IN THE MEANTIME, WE SEND YOU OUR BEST
WISHES AND KINDEST REGARDS. SINCERELY, MOHAMMAD REZA
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Tehran



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Iran

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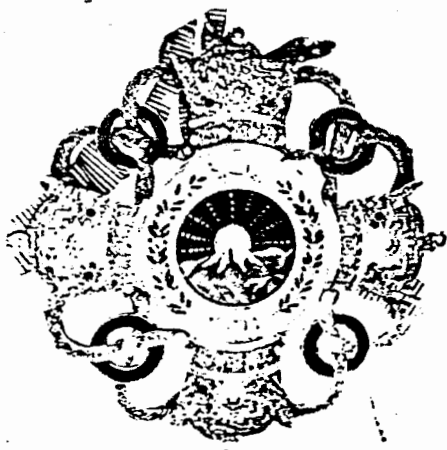


Fig. 703 (Badge) Order of Pahlavi

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Fig. 705 (Star) Order of Aryamehr (Second Class)

BADGE: Gold, multi-rayed star with 16 swallow-tails, each one covered with diamonds. Center is a gold Pahlavi crown, on a circular blue enamel background, ringed by a circle of diamonds.

STAR: Identical, but larger.

RIBBON: Royal blue worn as a sash terminating in two gold tassels.



Fig. 704 (Star) Order of Pahlavi

STAR: Same as badge, with the same differences in the metals used, and larger. The loops and rings of the badge which join the four crowns are replaced by five rays. The central ray is blue enamel, and the other four rays are either gold or platinum, depending on the class.

RIBBON: (First Class) Cornflower blue with yellow edges. (Second Class) Darker blue with gold edges.

ORDER OF ARYAMEHR
(Order of the Light of Iran)

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ORDER OF HAFT PAYKAR
(Order of the Pleiades)

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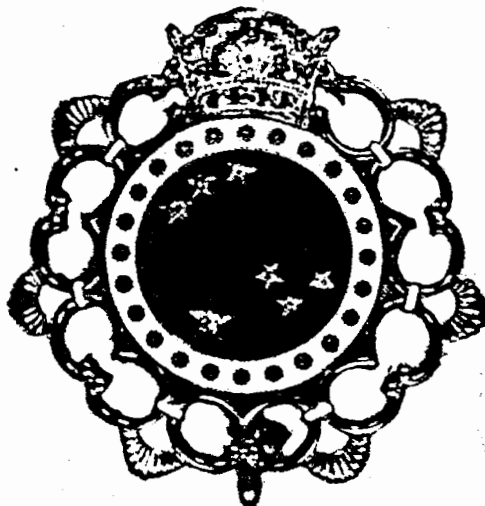


Fig. 706 (Star) Order of Haft Paykar

BADGE: First Class: Gold with white enamel, with openwork of gold surrounding the center medallion. The medallion is royal blue and portrays the seven stars of the constellation "Pleiades." Each star is diamond set. Surrounding the medallion is a gold-rimmed, white enamel band with 24 small gold stars topped by the Imperial crown in red enamel.

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SASH: First class: Light yellow with blue stripes toward each edge, terminating in two gold tassels. Second class: White with light blue stripe toward each edge, terminating in two white tassels. Third class: Colors as second class, but worn as a bow.

ORDER OF THE TAJ (Order of the Crown)

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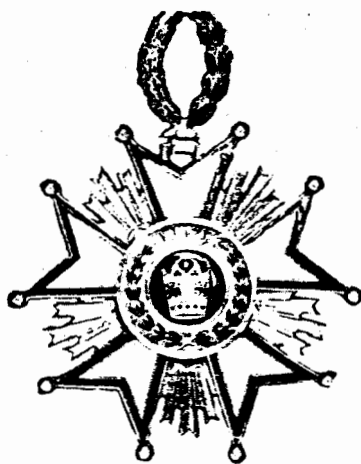


Fig. 707 (Badge) Order of the Taj

BADGE: Ten-pointed, gold-rimmed, green bordered white enamel star, each point tipped with a gold ball. Center medallion is blue and portrays the crown of Iran in natural colors. Surrounding the center medallion is a gold rim on which is a green laurel wreath. Reverse is green enamel and portrays a golden Persian sun. Badge is suspended from a small gold and green wreath, except in the fifth class



Fig. 708 (Star) Order of the Taj

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RIBBON: Yellow moire, edged in light blue.

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Fig. 709 (Badge) Order of Homayoun, Old Type

BADGE: (Old Type): Eight pointed, silver faceted star. Center medallion portrays in natural colors Crest of Iran, a lion with an unraised sword in his right front paw with a rising sun behind his back. Badge is suspended from a small gold and green wreath.

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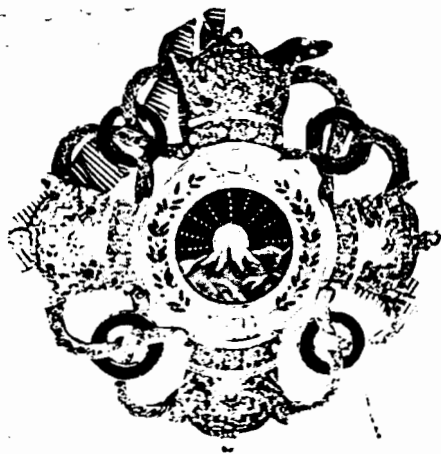


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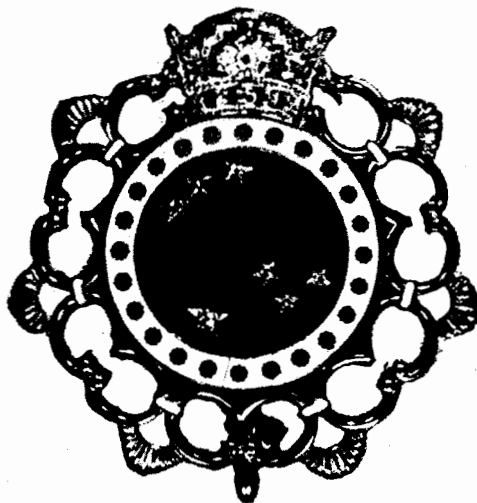


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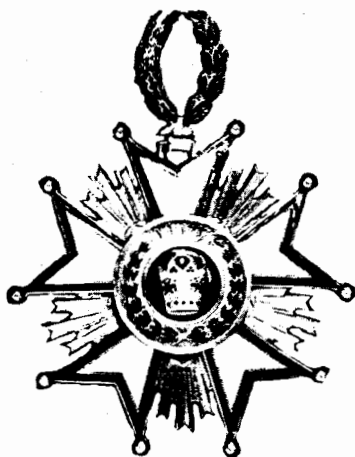


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INTELLIGENCE <i>Leonard, M</i>		✓	<i>Def: Pahlavi, Mohammed</i>

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Staff Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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att: DDO

Please cable ^{attached} to
Embassy Tehran for
passage to Shah.

Jack Whitehill

SDO

White House Sit. Rm.



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to Shah



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Your Imperial Majesty:

I have learned with great sadness of the death of General Mohammad Khatami. This is a great loss to Iran and, I know, to you personally. My sympathies and those of my wife and family are with you and with General Khatami's family in this period of sorrow.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand.

His Imperial Majesty
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Shahanshah of Iran
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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TO: Operations Center

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 17

General Scowcroft

FOR BUD MC FARLANE

Bud,

General Scowcroft asked for this today. It should probably be sent quickly since Khatami died late last week.

Rosemary *[Signature]*




MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION
September 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY 
SUBJECT: Condolence Message to Shah of Iran --
 Ambassador Zahedi's Suggestion

You asked that a short condolence message from the President to the Shah of Iran be prepared, in light of the death of his long-time friend and Air Force Chief, General Khatami. Attached is a package recommending the President sign such a message.

Since Khatami's death occurred several days ago, this message should be signed very quickly. When signed, it could be delivered to Zahedi for the Shah (he would wire it out). Alternatively, if we wish to save time, you could clear and we would send this out through the State Department, with a copy for Ambassador Zahedi.

RECOMMENDATION: That you seek the President's signature on the letter at Tab A of the attached package.

_____ APPROVE _____ AS AMENDED

Alternatively, that you approve our wiring the text of the message through State (no green original) as quickly as possible; a copy would be provided to Ambassador Zahedi.

 _____ TEXT APPROVED; send through State

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT: Condolence Message to the Shah of Iran

Iranian Air Force Chief, General Mohammad Khatami, died in a sporting accident and I recommend that you send a short sympathy message to the Shah of Iran. The Shah has lost an important figure in that Khatami presided over the modernization of the Iranian Air Force, its elite military arm. Khatami also had a special personal relationship with the Shah derived from his long association and from family ties. Khatami was the Shah's personal pilot at one point in his career and was also married to the Shah's half-sister. His Majesty would probably appreciate a short note from you.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the letter to the Shah at Tab A. [Paul Theis' office has concurred in the text.]



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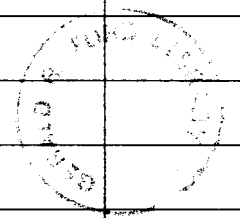
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1976

Your Imperial Majesty:

Secretary Kissinger has brought to my attention your current concerns about a number of issues, primarily in the economic and defense fields but with obvious relevance to broader policy, that are of great interest to us as well as to Iran. I want you to know that I am personally aware of your views and completely understanding and sympathetic of your efforts to achieve, within Iran's resources, the appropriate balance between Iran's economic development and security objectives. We expect that the economic upturn which is occurring in the United States, and is starting in Western Europe, will also be beneficial to Iran.

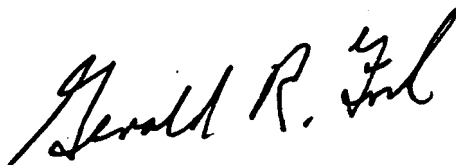
I have let it be known to the senior officials of my Administration who deal with these issues that they should keep constantly in mind the very great importance which I attach to the special relationship that we enjoy with Iran. The collaboration between our two countries is firmly based on common interests, which are not changed by the recurring ups and downs of economic and financial affairs which may affect both our countries.

You have my assurance that I will give my continued attention to these matters and that we will be constantly alert to possibilities of improving the situation which has given rise to your concerns. I am



especially pleased that Vice President Rockefeller will be visiting personally with Your Majesty this spring, providing a timely occasion for an exchange of views on how we can best cooperate to further our shared objectives.

With warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

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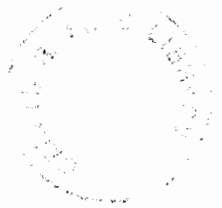


To Jack Murphy -

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Lets give a copy of
this to Jon Howe.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Date: Feb 18, 1976
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Shah of Iran

From: President

Date: Feb 18, 1976

Subject: Inability of US to increase its purchase of Iranian oil

ACTION REQUESTED:

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_____ White House Staff
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Charlotta Agoston
for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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MEMORANDUM ~~THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN~~ . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT: Letter to the Shah of Iran

Relations with Iran have suffered some strains in recent months because of our inability to help Iran in two important inter-related areas--escalating costs of US arms and insufficient oil revenues to meet these and the overall costs of Iran's ambitious military modernization program. More generally, the Shah remains concerned about the reliability of the US commitment to its friends and allies around the world. In these circumstances, it is important that the Shah be reassured of our commitment to a sound and special relationship with Iran, despite periodic differences on some issues. For the reasons outlined by Secretary Kissinger at Tab B, it is recommended that you send the Shah a letter of reassurance along the lines of Tab A. I have suggested the addition of the sentence referring to the Vice President's travels since this represents a tangible sign of our interest in continued close relations with Iran.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the letter to the Shah of Iran at Tab A. [Text coordinated with Mr. Hartmann]

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: Message for the Shah of Iran

The Shah of Iran has, during the last six to eight months, come to realize that, in spite of a dramatic increase in Iran's income from oil since 1973, his expected revenues will not meet the costs of his ambitious civilian and military development programs. In the fourth quarter of 1975, Iran's exports of heavy crude oil plummeted by about 1.5 million barrels per day. In the last few weeks the Shah has made a series of direct and indirect approaches to us seeking the assistance of this Government in putting pressure on American oil companies to increase their purchases of Iranian heavy crude oil. He has suggested that, if Iran's oil income does not rise to meet his development spending plans, he will have to revise his foreign policy to fit the country's more modest financial capabilities.

Our studies have led us to the conclusion that the current world demand pattern for oil--particularly the heavy crudes--probably makes it impossible for us to be of any substantial assistance in increasing Iran's oil income. We are also unable to be of any assistance to Iran in the related problem of the high and steadily advancing cost of sophisticated defense equipment. We note, incidentally, that a decision by the Shah to slow the pace of his defense development program would have the positive aspect of permitting Iran's strained manpower and infrastructure to catch up with equipment procurements.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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~~ACTION~~
February 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

ROBERT B. OATLEY

SUBJECT:

Presidential Letter to the Shah of Iran

Secretary Kissinger has forwarded a memo (Tab I-B) recommending that the President send a warm letter to the Shah of Iran. Immediately attached is the Secretary's approved text. I made only one change, adding the final sentence referring to the Vice President's visit since this is a tangible sign of the President's special interest in the Shah and Iran. Mr. Hartman has personally approved the final letter at Tab I-A.

RECOMMENDATION: That you forward the memo to the President at Tab I seeking his signature on the letter to the Shah.

_____ APPROVE memo at Tab I as is

_____ AS AMENDED

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Your Imperial Majesty:

Secretary Kissinger has brought to my attention your current concerns about a number of issues, primarily in the economic and defense fields but with obvious relevance to broader policy, that are of great interest to us as well as to Iran. I want you to know that I am personally aware of your views and completely understanding and sympathetic of your efforts to achieve, within Iran's resources, the appropriate balance between Iran's economic development and security objectives. We expect that the economic upturn which is occurring in the United States, and is starting in Western Europe, will also be beneficial to Iran.

I have let it be known to the senior officials of my Administration who deal with these issues that ~~[in their consideration of them]~~ they should keep constantly in mind the very great importance which I attach to the special relationship that we enjoy with Iran. The collaboration between our two countries is firmly based on common interests, which are not changed by the recurring ups and downs of economic and financial affairs which may affect both our

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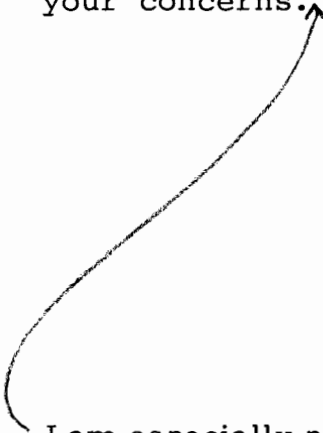
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countries. ⁹ You have my assurance that I will give my continued attention to these matters and that we will be constantly alert to possibilities of improving the situation which has given rise to your concerns.

Sincerely,

~~Gerald R. Ford~~



I am especially pleased that Vice President Rockefeller will be visiting personally with Your Majesty this spring, providing a timely occasion for an exchange of views on how we can best cooperate to further our shared objectives.

With warm personal regards,

[GRF]

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In the circumstances, I believe a damage-limiting effort is in order to reassure the Shah that our inability to be of assistance in his current problems has not diminished our interest in maintaining and expanding our special relationship with Iran. An expression of your personal sympathy with the Shah's concerns would be a major element in such an effort. We are studying other steps to take in support of this effort.

Recommendation:

That you approve the attached message for transmittal to the Shah. [Tab A]

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Draft Presidential message to the Shah.

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February 21, 1976

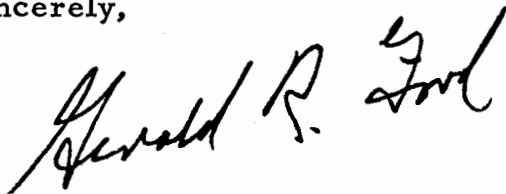
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It is well known that under your leadership Iran has played a leading role in supporting the Non-Proliferation Treaty and other efforts to abate the spread of nuclear weapons. I know that you and I share the same desire to foster the goal of non-proliferation. I believe that Iran and the United States may have a unique opportunity to provide vital international leadership in helping to ensure that the sensitive aspect of the nuclear fuel cycle evolves in a manner that reassures the world.

In view of the special relationship between our countries and our strong desire for the secure development of nuclear energy, I have requested Dr. Seamans and Mr. Maw to explain to you how our specific proposals fit into our broader non-proliferation policies. I will be deeply interested in your own views and concerns. Dr. Seamans and Mr. Maw will report to me promptly upon their return.

Sincerely,



His Imperial Majesty
Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Shahanshah of Iran
Tehran



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David Elliott hand carried
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT (B)
SUBJECT: Letter to the Shah

As you directed (Tab B), a high level team will see the Shah on February 23-24 to review U.S. non-proliferation concerns and to look for common ground that would allow us to conclude the now-stalled nuclear agreement with Iran. Our approach to the Shah will be on the basis of seeking his commitment to a major act of nuclear statesmanship: namely, to set a world example by foregoing national reprocessing in favor of the multinational concept or possibly some other concept having the same effect.

The State, ACDA, ERDA group that is preparing the trip believes it would be very useful if Under Secretary Maw could establish the statesman tone of the meeting and underscore our desire to reach an agreement with Iran by delivering a personal letter from you. I agree. A draft letter is at Tab A.

Bob Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: DAVID ELLIOTT *D.E.*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to the Shah

As directed by the President (Tab B), a high level team (Maw, Seamans, Kratzer) will see the Shah on February 23-24 to review U.S. non-proliferation concerns and to look for common ground that would allow us to conclude the now-stalled nuclear agreement with Iran. Our approach to the Shah will be on the basis of seeking his commitment to a major act of nuclear statesmanship: namely, to set a world example by foregoing national reprocessing in favor of the multinational concept or possibly some other concept having the same effect.

The State, ACDA, ERDA group that is preparing the trip believes it would be very useful if Maw could establish the statesman tone of the meeting and underscore our desire to reach an agreement with Iran by delivering a personal letter from the President. A draft letter is at Tab A.

Bob Oakley concurs. *BO*

RECOMMENDATION:

That you initial the memorandum to the President at Tab I, recommending that he sign the letter at Tab A.

*Tab I attachments
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Your Imperial Majesty:

I appreciate your agreement to meet with Dr. Seamans, ^{and} Under Secretary Maw, ~~and Senior State Department and ERDA representatives to~~ exchange views on the use of nuclear energy and our proposed nuclear power agreement. Given our desire to cooperate closely in this important field, I know that your Imperial Majesty shares our wish to see this agreement brought to a successful conclusion.

It is well known that under your leadership Iran has played a leading role in supporting the Non-Proliferation Treaty and other efforts to abate the spread of nuclear weapons. I know that you and I share the same desire to foster the goal of non-proliferation. I believe that Iran and the United States may ~~base~~ ^{have} a unique opportunity to provide vital international leadership in helping to ensure that ~~this~~ ^{the} sensitive aspect of the nuclear fuel cycle evolves in a manner that reassures the world.

~~This is particularly pertinent at the present time with respect to independent national reprocessing facilities.~~

In view of the special relationship between our countries and our strong desire for the secure development of nuclear energy, I have requested Dr. Seamans and Mr. Maw to explain to you how our specific proposals fit into our broader non-proliferation policies. I will be deeply interested in your own views and concerns. Dr. Seamans and Mr. Maw will report to me promptly upon their return.

Sincerely,

His Imperial Majesty
Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Shahanshah of Iran
Tehran

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

- The Secretary of State
- The Secretary of Defense
- The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
- The Administrator, Energy Research and Development Administration

SUBJECT: Next Steps in our Negotiation of a Nuclear Agreement with Iran

The President has reviewed the study of November 20, 1975, regarding the negotiation of a nuclear agreement with Iran, and has noted the comments and recommendations provided by the addressees.

The President is anxious to see negotiations of the civilian nuclear accord resumed with Iran under terms that will clearly foster US non-proliferation interests, promote US-Iran interests, advance our domestic nuclear objectives, and stand a good chance of mutual acceptance. He also believes any moves taken by the US to accommodate Iranian concerns should be taken in the light of a clear perception of Iran's principal problems with past US proposals as well as a clear understanding as to whether Iran still desires to transact much of its nuclear business with the US if a nuclear agreement can be concluded.

The President has noted the range of possible modifications to the current US position that ultimately might prove necessary to reach an agreement based on the above objectives. He has, however, decided to reserve his judgment as to the final position that the United States should take on the substance of the proposed agreement, while approving the proposal that the State Department and ERDA should promptly send a high-level team to Tehran. This team should seek to clarify the Shah's concerns with the US position and to expose the Shah and others (1) to the reasons for the US interests in discouraging the establishment of completely national reprocessing facilities in Iran and other countries, and (2) to the technical and economic factors which militate against a near-term decision to reprocess in Iran. The talks would be exploratory in character during which the US team would

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endeavor to induce Iran to join with the US in an act of leadership designed to discourage the spread of independent national reprocessing facilities. In this regard, we would favor a commitment to the multinational concept but would be prepared to explore with Iran other techniques for achieving the same objective.

The US representatives are authorized to inform Iranian officials whenever they deem appropriate that the US would allow Iran to receive and store, under effective safeguards, all of its entitled share of the low enriched uranium that it might purchase through investment in a US facility. Re-transfer of this material would be restricted to those countries with which the United States has an appropriate agreement for cooperation.

Following these high-level talks, and any further discussions required to sharpen our understanding of Iran's position, a report should be submitted to the President describing those alternate approaches which would be consistent with our objective of avoiding the spread of national reprocessing facilities while permitting us to reach an agreement on nuclear cooperation with Iran. The implications of these alternatives should be assessed in light of our non-proliferation and other objectives, and the prospects for Congressional approval. The report should include agency recommendations.

In light of the extensive analysis that has already been carried out, there should be little delay in the preparation of this report, for the President wishes to avoid any long hiatus between the discussions with the Shah and the resumption of detailed negotiations.

The President wants efforts to continue on a timely basis in assembling the technical and economic data needed to evaluate the multinational reprocessing concept. In this connection, he believes that the efforts underway to develop our domestic reprocessing industry will provide an important source of information and he expects the evaluation of the multinational concept to draw upon that information. He wants it understood that our efforts to deter proliferation by promoting the multinational concept in our international negotiations should in no way restrict our domestic policy with respect to reprocessing or the way we develop our domestic industry.


Brent Scowcroft

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

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Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Shahanshah of Iran
Tehran**



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4:42 pm Mon 23 Feb 76*

IMPERIAL EMBASSY OF IRAN

February 23, 1976

The Ambassador

My Dear Brent

I have the pleasure to enclose a copy of a letter which I addressed to President Ford. As you will see, it contains the text of a message from His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr and refers to Vice President Rockefeller's forthcoming visit to Iran.

May I also apologize once again for troubling you over the weekend. However, I am now glad to report that everything is in order.

I shall look forward to seeing you at the Embassy on Wednesday evening. With my kindest personal regards.

*Very sincerely yours
Abolmohsen Zohabi*

Brigadier General Brent Scowcroft
Director
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Enclosure



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Received by Gen. Secwcraft
440pm Mon. Feb 23, 1976

IMPERIAL EMBASSY OF IRAN

February 22, 1976

The Ambassador

Dear President Ford

I have the honor and the privilege to convey to you the following message dated February 22, 1976 which I have just received from His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr.

"Dear Mr. President,
I thank you very sincerely for your kind letter of 20th February, 1976 and I greatly appreciate the deep and sympathetic interest with which you look upon the special relationship between the United States of America and Iran. In view of your profound understanding of what is at stake, I do not expect your attitude to be otherwise.

As you are no doubt aware, Mr. President, I have always attached the highest importance to the very close bonds of friendship and fruitful collaboration linking our two countries together. Our relations have withstood the test of time and are based on a wide community of interests which we both share in our

common endeavours to consolidate world peace and security and to contribute to human betterment.

I will be very glad to receive Vice President Rockefeller during his forthcoming visit to Iran and to confer with him on matters of mutual interest. On the other hand, should the state of his health permit, I will send my Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance to the United States of America during the first ten days of March. He will then be at your disposal should you wish to see him. With kindest personal regards.
Sincerely, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

May I also take this opportunity to apologize for the confusion which arose over the past couple of days. I can now confirm with pleasure the dates of March 23 to 26, 1976 for Vice President Rockefeller's visit to Iran, during which time he will be received on Qish Island by His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr.

Finally, may I thank you for your most gracious letter of February 17.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my continuing high regard and personal good wishes.

God Bless you. Very sincerely yours

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Abulhasan Ali Nadwi

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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INFORMATION

March 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

ROBERT B. ~~OW~~LEY

SUBJECT:

Message to the President from
the Shah of Iran

At Tab A is the message of thanks from the Shah to the President's recent letter (copy attached). Since this is a thank-you letter, there is really no need for a further reply. The next step is the visit by the Vice President, which the Shah anticipates with pleasure.

However, the Shah does note that he may send Finance Minister Ansary to the US and that "he will be at your disposal should you wish to see him." There is nothing definite on now for an Ansary visit to Washington that we know of but we are sending a copy of the Shah's message to State so that they can make an appropriate recommendation on a Presidential meeting should Ansary visit here.

At Tab B is the letter from Ambassador Zahedi to you, transmitting a copy of the Shah/President message. It appears to need no further reply.

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TO: *George Springsteen*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 3

FOR JEANNE DAVIS

Jeanne,

The President has received a letter of thanks from the Shah which doesn't really need further reply. However, I think you should send the memo to State via LDX at Tab A so that they can have a copy of the reply (State drafted the original Presidential letter) as well as deal with the possibility that Finance Minister Ansary may come to Washington and want to meet with the President.

I would also appreciate your forwarding my memo to Brent at Tab II so that he is aware of our handling.



Bob Oakley

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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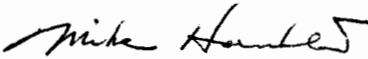
March 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: S Message to the President
 from the Shah of Iran

In response to the President's letter of February 18, the Shah has sent the attached message via Ambassador Zahedi. You will note that the Shah indicates he may send his Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance to the US during the first ten days of March. If Minister Ansari does indeed plan to come to the United States we would wish to have the Department's recommendations regarding the desirability of a Presidential meeting as soon as possible.


for Jeanne W. Davis
 Staff Secretary

Attachment: As stated

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*God Bless you. My sincerely yours
as ever*

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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IMPERIAL EMBASSY OF IRAN

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February 22, 1976

The Ambassador

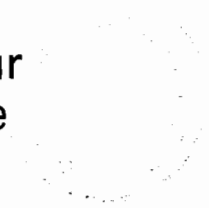
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The White House
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1976

Your Imperial Majesty:

Secretary Kissinger has brought to my attention your current concerns about a number of issues, primarily in the economic and defense fields but with obvious relevance to broader policy, that are of great interest to us as well as to Iran. I want you to know that I am personally aware of your views and completely understanding and sympathetic of your efforts to achieve, within Iran's resources, the appropriate balance between Iran's economic development and security objectives. We expect that the economic upturn which is occurring in the United States, and is starting in Western Europe, will also be beneficial to Iran.

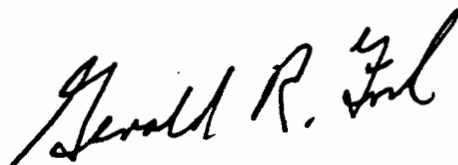
I have let it be known to the senior officials of my Administration who deal with these issues that they should keep constantly in mind the very great importance which I attach to the special relationship that we enjoy with Iran. The collaboration between our two countries is firmly based on common interests, which are not changed by the recurring ups and downs of economic and financial affairs which may affect both our countries.

You have my assurance that I will give my continued attention to these matters and that we will be constantly alert to possibilities of improving the situation which has given rise to your concerns. I am



especially pleased that Vice President Rockefeller will be visiting personally with Your Majesty this spring, providing a timely occasion for an exchange of views on how we can best cooperate to further our shared objectives.

With warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

His Imperial Majesty
Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Shahanshah of Iran
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March 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR **GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN**
 Executive Secretary
 Department of State

SUBJECT: Message from the Shah of Iran to the President

The Iranian Embassy has delivered a message from the Shah of Iran to the President on nuclear matters, in response to the President's letter which was carried to Tehran by Dr. Seamans and Under Secretary Maw. A copy of the Shah's response is attached.

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary 

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IMPERIAL EMBASSY OF IRAN

March 10, 1976

The Ambassador

Dear President Ford

I have the honor and the privilege to forward to you the enclosed letter dated March 4, 1976 which I have just received from my beloved Sovereign, His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr. The letter is in response to your own which was delivered to His Imperial Majesty by Dr. Seamans and Under-Secretary Maw during their recent audience in Tehran.

May I also say what a great honor and a pleasure it will be, Mr. President, to see you this coming Monday at the swearing in of Governor Scranton and then again on Tuesday when you meet with our Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance, His Excellency Houshang Ansary.

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With every assurance of my profound respect and high personal regard.

may I congratulate your victory and your success. and may God bless you. My kindest regards

Reza Zafar

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.





4th March, 1976.

Dear Mr. President,

I have received with great pleasure the letter which you entrusted to your Representatives Dr. Seamans and Under-Secretary Maw with whom I had interesting discussions during their recent visit to Tehran.

The personal interest which you have shown in the cooperation between our two countries in the field of nuclear energy is greatly appreciated and represents an important step forward in the conclusion of the proposed agreement between Iran and the United States of America.

I fully share your concern for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and, I appreciate your leadership and the significant role which the United States of America has assumed in this respect. Iran, as a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty is certainly anxious to see that the Treaty is applied as widely as possible in its letter and spirit and will deploy any effort to foster this goal.

As you, Mr. President, are no doubt aware, the Non-Proliferation Treaty has two important aims that consist of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and at the same time facilitating the exchange of nuclear technology, equipment and materials for peaceful purposes. As you yourself know so well, Iran has initiated an important nuclear programme in order to support its rapid economic development which necessitates the widespread and increasing use of energy. In order to assure the successful implementation of our nuclear programme, we will have to be assured of a flow of nuclear technology and the transfer of equipment and materials based on sound economic considerations. I would therefore very much hope, Mr. President, that your non-proliferation policy would remain flexible enough to allow a fruitful and meaningful cooperation to prevail between our two countries in the field of nuclear energy.

In keeping with the special relationship between our two countries and the importance which you and I attach to this matter, we look forward to





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continuing our discussions in this regard which I trust will lead to the conclusion of the cooperation agreement in nuclear energy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. R. Pahlan

*The Honourable Gerald R. Ford,
President of the United States of America,
WASHINGTON, D. C.*

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TO: George Springsteen

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FOR JEANNE DAVIS

Jeanne,

For follow up action, State needs a copy of the Shah's response to the President on nuclear matters, which the Iranians delivered to the White House in original. Dave Elliott concurs that we should LDX the attached to George Springsteen soonest.

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Bob Casney





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SUBJECT: MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT FROM SHAH
REF: TEHRAN 2764

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM SHAH IN RESPONSE TO
PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 20.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
I THANK YOU VERY SINCERELY FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF 20TH
FEBRUARY, 1976 AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE DEEP AND
SYMPATHETIC INTEREST WITH WHICH YOU LOOK UPON THE SPECIAL
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IRAN.
IN VIEW OF YOUR PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS AT STAKE,
I DO NOT EXPECT YOUR ATTITUDE TO BE OTHERWISE.
AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE ALWAYS
ATTACHED THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO THE VERY CLOSE BONDS OF
FRIENDSHIP AND FRUITFUL COLLABORATION LINKING OUR TWO
COUNTRIES TOGETHER. OUR RELATIONS HAVE WITHSTOOD THE TEST
OF TIME AND ARE BASED ON A WIDE COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS
WHICH WE BOTH SHARE IN OUR COMMON ENDEAVOURS TO CONSOLIDATE



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I WILL BE VERY GLAD TO RECEIVE VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO IRAN AND TO CONFER WITH HIM

ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH PERMIT, I WILL SEND MY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DURING THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF MARCH. HE WILL THEN BE AT YOUR DISPOSAL SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEE HIM.

WITH kindest personal regards,
SINCERELY, MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI. "

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM SHAH IN REPLY TO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT WHICH DR. SEAMANS PRESENTED.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
I HAVE RECEIVED WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE LETTER WHICH YOU ENTRUSTED TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES DR. SEAMANS AND UNDER-SECRETARY MAW WITH WHOM I HAD INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO TEHRAN.
THE PERSONAL INTEREST WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWN IN THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
I FULLY SHARE YOUR CONCERN FOR THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND, I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS ASSUMED IN THIS RESPECT. IRAN, AS A SIGNATORY TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IS CERTAINLY ANXIOUS TO SEE THAT THE TREATY IS APPLIED AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE IN ITS LETTER AND SPIRIT AND WILL DEPLOY ANY EFFORT TO FOSTER THIS GOAL.
AS YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY HAS TWO IMPORTANT AIMS THAT CONSIST OF PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE SAME TIME FACILITATING THE EXCHANGE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. AS YOU YOURSELF KNOW SO WELL, IRAN HAD INITIATED AN IMPORTANT NUCLEAR PROGRAMME IN ORDER TO SUPPORT ITS RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH NECESSITATES THE WIDESPREAD AND INCREASING USE OF

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ENERGY. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR NUCLEAR PROGRAMME, WE WILL HAVE TO BE ASSURED OF A FLOW OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND THE TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS BASED ON SOUND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. I WOULD THEREFORE VERY MUCH HOPE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY WOULD REMAIN FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW A FRUITFUL AND MEANINGFUL COOPERATION TO PREVAIL BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

IN KEEPING WITH THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE IMPORTANCE WHICH YOU AND I ATTACH TO THIS MATTER, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS

IN THIS REGARD WHICH I TRUST WILL LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. WITH BEST WISHES." KISSINGER



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