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Exclusive for Secretary Schlesinger from Ambassador

(Deliver November 3 or 4)

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on your letter to the Shah regarding Mr. Hallock's recent visit and your proposal of assistance. You know you have my full support on this important matter. Hallock, I believe, had a useful visit and made a good beginning. Your letter and a follow-up audience with the Shah should provide the requisite backing.

Owing to the sensitivity of this subject and the sometimes stilted protocol and style of the Imperial Court, I would like to suggest the following changes in the text of your letter:

Para 1, line three, insert Richard R. before Hallock.

Para 2, delete "Mr. Hallock was aware" through "modus operandi."

← It would be best not to suggest -- even by denial -- that we contemplate changes in GOI defense roles and operations.

Para 3, substitute "in Iran" for "to the Iranian Army".

Para 4, delete "He feels there also may be ways" through "personal interest and control." It seems premature to delve into this highly sensitive area. If the project goes well, it should be possible to broaden it to take threat analysis into account.

Para 4, mid-way, after "concurrently" read "assist in improving the capabilities."

Para 5, near end, drop "you might wish to give" and substitute "I hope you will find it possible to grant." Substitute "accord" for "tune."

Para 6, substitute "may request" for "will need." ~~some~~

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After "any such information", add "what may be provided <sup>to</sup> him". Drop  
"and not to be used for purposes other than to assist you."

Para 8, line 1, should read "to monitor personally."

"With best regards, respectfully,

Closing should read /s/ James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense."

Unless I hear from you, plan to deliver letter November 5 so that  
Shah will have it prior to audience Gen. Brent has requested next week.

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