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DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS

AUGUST 24, 1974

TO: AMBASSADOR HELMS
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

HENRY HAS RESPONDED TO THE MESSAGE OF [REDACTED]
WHICH YOU CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION, AS FOLLOWS:

"THIS MUST BE BASICALLY AN IRANIAN DECISION. WE WILL
UNDERSTAND WHATEVER THEY DECIDE TO DO."

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM THE ISRAELIS SEVERAL MESSAGES
OF CONCERN ABOUT THE KURDISH DEVELOPMENTS. AFTER POINTING OUT
THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF AN IRAQI VICTORY OVER THE KURDS,
THE ISRAELIS MAKE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS.

THEY CITE THE CRITICAL KURDISH NEEDS FOR LONG-RANGE
ARTILLERY AND ANTI-TANK WEAPONS. THEY SUGGEST THAT THE IRANIANS
BE ENCOURAGED TO HELP IN THAT REGARD AND THEY SPECIFICALLY
SUGGEST THAT THE US PROVIDE TOW AND LAW WEAPONS THROUGH IRAN.
AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THAT, THE ISRAELIS SAY THEY ARE PREPARED
TO PROVIDE THE KURDS SS10 AND 11 ANTI-TANK MISSILES, IF WE
CAN ASSURE THEM OF REPLACEMENT BY TOW MISSILES.

THE SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS LATTER
REQUEST AND HOW IT MIGHT BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED. THE ISRAELIS
ALSO OFFERED TO PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE KURDS IN THE USE
BOTH OF MODERN ARTILLERY AND ANTI-TANK WEAPONS.

WARM REGARDS.

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