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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Shah of Iran's Expectations Concerning
Increased Oil Sales in the United States

The enclosed telegrams from Ambassador MacArthur are the latest in a series of indications that the Shah and other GOI officials have high hopes that a way will be found to permit Iran to increase its oil exports to the United States and that they are counting heavily on alleged Presidential assurances to the Shah, given during his October state visit. While the work of the Cabinet Task Force on Oil Import Control is not yet completed we understand that its thinking is crystallizing around recommendations which would not materially enhance Iran's chances of increasing its oil exports to the United States. Predictably the Shah will be sharply disappointed if these recommendations become U.S. policy.

As there is no written record of the President's conversation with the Shah we find it difficult to assess the Shah's present expectations. We would appreciate it ← if you could shed any light on this critical point.

Theodore L. Eliot Jr.
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