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ANCE. USG IS ALSO APPROACHING CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES WITH F-5AS IN SIMILAR MANNER AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

6. TO ENHANCE PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT AN ANSWER IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. IT IS OF COURSE OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO KEEP THIS MATTER HELD AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE.

7. THE SHAH SAID HE FULLY APPRECIATED THE US POSITION IN MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAM WAR FOR ALL THE OBVIOUS REASONS. THEREFORE HE DECLARED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DO ALL HE COULD TO ASSIST IN THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF A SOLUTION. CONSEQUENTLY, HE STATED, SUBJECT TO EARLY REPLACEMENT, HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO TURN OVER TWO RPT TWO SQUADRONS OF F-5A, A TOTAL OF 32 AIRCRAFT.

8. I POINTED OUT THA THE NEED WAS SO GREAT AND THE OBJECTIVE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT, AS HERETOFORE STATED, IT WAS HOPED THAT A LARGER NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. THE SHAH AVOWED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE FULL IMPORT OF MY STATEMENT TO HIM, BUT THEREUPON HE DWELT AT LENGTH UPON ASPECTS OF A NEW TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH GOI AIR FORCE WAS INSTITUTING AND WHICH REQUIRED A MINIMUM OF 50 F-5A; HENCE HE WAS SUBJECT TO RESTRAINT IN HIS ABILITY TO COOPERATE WITH THE US IN THIS EFFORT..

9. THE SHAH CONCLUDED BY ASKING THAT I CONVEY TO PRES. NIXON HIS PERSONAL HOPE FOR SUCCESS OF THIS OR SUBSEQUENT UNDERTAKINGS LEADING TOWARD PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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