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4. SHAH SAID HE WAS PERFECTLY WILLING TO SUPPLY UP TO 16 ADDITIONAL PLANES. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO, HE WISHED TO KNOW WHEN AND WITH WHAT AIRCRAFT THEY WOULD BE REPLACED. HE SPECULATED THAT IF THE VIETNAM WAR WERE TO BE OVER SOON, IT MIGHT BE THAT MORE F-4S WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE. SHAH SAID IRAN WOULD ACCEPT F-4S AS REPLACEMENT FOR F-5S ON RATION TO BE WORKED OUT LATER. QUOTE LET US SAY TWO F-5S FOR ONE F-4 UNQUOTE.

5. AT END OF CONVERSATION, SHAH ASKED TAHT WE LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HOW WE WERE PREPARED TO SUPPLY HIS AIRCRAFT NEEDS, ADDING THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

6. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, I LEFT PIECE OF PAPER LISTING FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DELIVERY OF F-5ES CAN BE ADVANCED TO AUGUST 1973. ORIGINAL DELIVERY WAS SET FOR NOVEMBER 1973.

B. JOINT STATE/DOD TEAM WILL VISIT IRAN WITHIN NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS TO DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY AND MAAG ARRANGEMENTS FOR IRAN'S REQUESTED BUILDUP IN US MILITARY TECHNICIANS FOR THREE SERVICES.

C. WHITE HOUSE HAS ASSURED US IRAN'S MILITARY SUPPORT NEEDS WILL BE GIVEN "MOST EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING".

D. IRANIAN AIR FORCE QUOTA AT AIR COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL WILL BE INCREASED FROM ONE TO SIX OFFICERS PER SESSION.

E. ALL IRANIAN F-5E INSTRUCTOR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SATISFIED AT WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE.

F. IF IRAN WISHES, WE ARE PREPARED TO CREDIT PRESENTLY LEASED EIGHT F-4ES TO IRAN'S TOTAL BUY OF THOSE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, LEASED PLANES DO NOT HAVE WING SLATS ORDERED BY IIAF ON NEW F-4ES.

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7. IT IS CLEAR THAT DURING FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT, SHAH ACTED ON FAITH IN AGREEING TO OUR REQUEST. NOW THAT WE ARE PRESSING HARD ON HIS AIR FORCE BY REQUESTING ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT, HE NATURALLY WISHES KNOW HOW HIS OWN SECURITY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MET. IN ORDER THAT HE RELEASE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT, WE WILL HAVE TO OFFER HIM SOMETHING MORE ATTRACTIVE IN THE WAY OF EARLY F-5E OR F-4E DELIVERIES THAN WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DATE. TRANSFERRING EIGHT LEASED F-4S SHOLD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS REDUCTION IN TOTAL NUMBER OF F-4ES IRAN HAS ORDERED.

8. BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RECIPROCATE SHAH'S GENEROUS OFFER WITH EQUALLY GENEROUS CREDIT FOR TRANSFERRED AIRCRAFT AND SPECIAL MEASURES TO DELIVER REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

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