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TO: HON. JOHN WARNER, SECRETARY OF NAVY, NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM: AMB. HELMS, TEHRAN

1. ON 26 JUNE BRIEFING TEAMS HEADED BY ADM. GERHARDT AND GEN. BILLIS GAVE SHAH AND HIS TOP GENERALS UPDATE ON F-14/F-15 DEVELOPMENTS. BRIEFING WENT WELL, AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT MAY DECIDE TO BUY CERTAIN NUMBER OF BOTH AIRCRAFT.

2. U.S. PRESS STORIES AVAILABLE HERE CONTAIN FIGURES ON F/14 PRICE WHICH IN NO WAY CORRESPOND TO ADM. GERHARDT'S ASSERTIONS, NO MATTER HOW ONE DOES THE ARITHMETIC. FORTUNATELY PRICE DID NOT RPT NOT COME UP DURING BRIEFING ITSELF. THEREFORE BELIEVE IT OF IMPORTANCE THAT NAVY BE IN POSITION TO TALK ON PRICE WITH SPECIFICITY WHEN SHAH VISITS WASHINGTON THREE WEEKS FROM NOW AND GETS BRIEFED AGAIN.

3. AM USING THIS CHANNEL TO RAISE THIS PROBLEM WITH YOU, BECAUSE BELIEVE YOU WOULD WANT TO INTEREST YOURSELF PERSONALLY.  
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