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ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR SHAH OF IRAN

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1975

IT IS AN HONOR TO WELCOME OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE SHAHANSHAH (SHAH-HAN-SHAH) OF IRAN AND

HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE SHAHBANOU (SHAH-BA-NEW), ONCE AGAIN

TO WASHINGTON.

THE VISIT OF YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES REFLECTS THE CORDIAL PERSONAL
AND CLOSE GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN
THROUGH MANY ADMINISTRATIONS. OURS IS AN OLD AND TESTED
FRIENDSHIP. IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO IN THE FUTURE.

SINCE YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES LAST VISITED WASHINGTON,
THE WORLD HAS SEEN MANY CHANGES. BUT, THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD,
THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR THE WORLD
HAS REMAINED FIRM. OUR COMMITMENT TO A CONTINUITY OF RELATIONS
AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION WITH FRIENDS SUCH AS IRAN HAS
REMAINED CONSTANT, EVEN WHILE THE WORLD HAS CHANGED.

WE CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THE LONG-STANDING FOUNDATION
OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS. THE UNITED STATES AND
IRAN HAVE EXPANDED AND INTENSIFIED COOPERATION ON MANY FRONTS.
TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW IN THE NEW
ERA OF INTER-DEPENDENCE WHICH LIES AHEAD.

IRAN IS AN AMAZING COUNTRY, AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION THAT
THROUGH THE CENTURIES HAS RETAINED ITS DISTINCTIVE NATIONAL IDENTITY
AND CULTURE. IN RECENT YEARS, IRAN HAS ACHIEVED REMARKABLE
PROGRESS, SERVING AS A MODEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ITS
EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY ONE OF THE WORLD'S
SENIOR STATESMEN, OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY.

I LOOK FORWARD, YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY, TO THE TALKS
WHICH WE SHALL HAVE DURING YOUR VISIT -- TO REVIEW WHAT HAS BEEN
ACCOMPLISHED BY OUR TWO NATIONS AND TO EXPLORE NEW DIMENSIONS
FOR HARMONIZING THE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO NATIONS AND INCREASING
COOPERATION BETWEEN US IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY
FOR OUR TWO PEOPLES AND FOR THE WORLD.

ON BEHALF OF MRS. FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES
TO WASHINGTON.

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