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THE WHITE HOUSE

EXCHANGE OF TOASTS
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT
AND
MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI
THE SHAHANSHAH OF IRAN

THE IRANIAN EMBASSY

10:10 P.M. EDT

THE SHAHANSHAH: Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen:

Will you rise for a toast to the health of the President of the United States of America, and Mrs. Ford.

THE PRESIDENT: Your Imperial Majesties, the Shahanshah and Shahbanou of Iran:

Let me say that it has been a great experience becoming well acquainted with you, discussing matters of great importance to our respective countries, and to the many problems that we mutually face, and others face, throughout the world.

I have been impressed, Your Majesty, with the friendship that you have long shown to our country. And I have been greatly impressed with the long friendship between our peoples and the mutual dedication that all of us have from our respective countries to a betterment for your country, and for ours, and for the world at large.

Your Excellencies, and others, will you join me, please, in a toast to the Shahanshah and Shahbanou of Iran.

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(AT 10:12 P.M. EDT)