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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Iranian Invitation -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

The Iranian Minister of War, General Azimi, has extended a formal invitation (Tab C) through Ambassador Zahedi for you to pay an official visit to Iran. Recommend that you sign the letter at Tab A which thanks General Azimi for the invitation and conveys your desire to visit Iran later but your non-acceptance of the invitation at this time. This letter omits the references to your Mid-East trip which occasioned the rewrite of the response. You previously signed a letter to Ambassador Zahedi (Tab B) which forwards the letter to General Azimi. This letter to Ambassador Zahedi remains appropriate since, unlike the initial response, it does not contain any reference to your Mid-East trip.

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