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SUBJECT: FURTHER REMARKS BY SHAH ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

REF: (A) PARIS 15305; (B) STATE 135137; (C) TEHRAN 5166

1. JUNE 25 EDITION OF LE MONDE CARRIES LONG INTERVIEW
WITH SHAH WHICH BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND TEHRAN.

IN REPLYING TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE EXTENSION
OF THE NUCLEAR CLUB MIGHT NOT LEAD HIM TO QUESTION HIS

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SIGNATURE OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, THE SHAH IS

QUOTED AS SAYING THE FOLLOWING:

2. "CERTAINLY NOT YET. I AM READY TO REPEAT WHAT I HAVE PROPOSED SEVERAL TIMES, THAT IS, TO DECLARE OUR ZONE -- A GEOGRAPHIC ZONE WHOSE BORDERS COULD CLEARLY BE DELIMITED -- NON-NUCLEAR. BECAUSE, HONESTLY, I BELIEVE THAT THIS NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS RACE IS RIDICULOUS. WHAT WOULD ONE DO WITH THEM? USE THEM AGAINST THE GREAT POWERS? ONE COULD NEVER HAVE PARITY. USE THEM TO KILL EACH OTHER? A COUNTRY WHICH WOULD PROCURE THIS MEANS TO ATTACK WOULD NOT WAIT LONG BEFORE BEING CRUSHED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY WHICH ALSO WOULD BE IN THE AVANT GARDE. BUT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH VISION, IF IN THIS REGION EACH LITTLE COUNTRY TRIES TO ARM ITSELF WITH ARMAMENTS THAT ARE PRECARIOUS, EVEN ELEMENTARY, BUT NUCLEAR, THEN PERHAPS THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF ANY COUNTRY AT ALL WOULD DEMAND THAT IT DO THE SAME, BUT I WOULD FIND THAT COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS".
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