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The American Ambassador to the Prime Minister of Iran

Tehran, May 23, 1968

Excellency:

On behalf of my government, I want to propose to you a new medium by which the ties which bind our countries can be strengthened, and at the same time by which a vital area of interest to both countries individually can be served. This area is that of scientific endeavor, so essential to any nation's industrial and intellectual development.

I am sure you will concur that this endeavor will be mutually benefitted by increased scientific cooperation between our countries. I understand that already a number of scientists of Iran and the United States have expressed an interest in contacting, and developing projects of research activity with, scientists of the other country working in similar fields.

If your government believes that an increase in scientific cooperation in fields of interest to Iran and the United States has merit, then I propose that our two governments agree to take action to encourage and develop this cooperation. In this connection I propose the designation of an organization in each country which can serve as the Executive Agency for a program of scientific cooperation. The Smithsonian Institution of Washington has expressed its willingness to act as this agency for the United States Government.

¹ Came into force on 27 May 1968 by the exchange of the said letters.