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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.

The aim of the program would be to intensify cooperation between the scientists of our two countries and to provide additional opportunities for them to exchange ideas, information, skills and techniques, and to pursue joint research projects. The scientists involved would be those in government agencies and in academic or other institutions of our two countries. The Executive Agencies would work closely together in carrying out this program and would insure that detailed arrangements be made for any joint activity conducted under this program. Each side would normally bear the costs of its own participation.

I propose further that the agreement on the foregoing program be for a period of three years, unless the agreement is modified or extended by mutual consent. If your government is in favor of the proposals I have made, I would appreciate a letter concurring therein. Your letter, with mine, would then constitute an agreement between our two governments effective on the date of your letter.

Sincerely,

Armin MEYER

His Excellency Amir Abas HOVEYDA
Prime Minister
Tehran

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The Prime Minister of Iran to the American Ambassador

THE PRIME MINISTER

Tehran, May 27, 1968

Your Excellency,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of May 23, and note with interest and pleasure your proposal for a programme of scientific cooperation between American and Iranian Scientists.

My Government warmly welcomes this new field of collaboration between our two countries and will take appropriate steps to implement your proposal. I have therefore designated our Ministry of Science and Higher Education to act as the Executive Agency for the Iranian Government, and look forward to the implementation of this programme with the confident hope that it will strengthen the ties of fruitful cooperation between our two governments.

Sincerely,

Amir Abas HOVEYDA

His Excellency Mr. Armin Meyer
Ambassador of the United States
Embassy of the United States
Tehran
