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1. FOLLOWING IS QUOTE OF A 50 NEW LETTER FROM LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
QUOTE

NOVEMBER 30, 1978

THE HONORABLE JAMES R. SCHLESINGER  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE PENTAGON, ROOM 3689A  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS ACQUIRED SIXTY TWO G-50 HERCULES AIRPLANES, AND IN THE COURSE OF THIS PROGRAM

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OUR LOCKHEED PEOPLE HAVE DEVELOPED A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS. IT HAS BEEN MY PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO HAVE HAD A SERIES OF WIDE-RANGING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SHAH AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF CONCERNING THE DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR COUNTRY.

FROM THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AND OUR PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROJECTS AS PURPLE TIE AND PLAYHOUSE, WE RECOGNIZE IRAN'S NEED FOR GREATER SURVEILLANCE CONTROL CAPABILITIES. AIRCRAFT OF THE VERY HIGH/VERY FAST F-12 TYPE WOULD COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING IRANIAN SYSTEMS AND THEIR FUTURE AIRPLANES, SUCH AS THE F-14 AND F-15. THE F-12 TYPE VEHICLE HAS DEMONSTRATED PENETRATION AND SURVIVABILITY AGAINST MODERN DEFENSES BY FLYING AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF MACH 3 AND ALTITUDES OF 80,000 FEET, WHILE CARRYING SOPHISTICATED SENSORS AND ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS. NEARLY 50,000 HOURS HAVE BEEN FLOWN BY THIS SERIES WHICH INCLUDES THE A-11, YF-12, AND SR-71.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL OF OUR PLAN TO MODIFY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS, EXISTING STORED A-11 AIRPLANES INTO F-12 TYPE AIRCRAFT.

THE F-12 SURVEILLANCE-CONTROL SYSTEM WE PROPOSE FOR IRAN WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO EXECUTE VERY HIGH/VERY FAST AIRBORNE SURVEILLANCE OF AIRSPACE, LAND MASSES AND THE ADJACENT PERSIAN GULF AND ARABIAN

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