

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1979

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
SUBJECT: The Shah

Iran #36
(I wrote on Sat. eve + chris w/26 by phone)

The attached memorandum from Warren Christopher gives the medical results of the recent examination of the Shah. His situation is serious, and Cy recommends approval for the Shah to come to New York for medical treatment.

I agree with the State Department recommendation except the implied request for permission from the Bazargan Government. I believe we should simply inform the Tehran Government that we intend to approve the Shah's entry into the United States for urgent medical attention and proceed to bring him to New York without awaiting their reaction.

The response from Tehran is certain to be negative, but I do not believe that we can in good conscience allow them a veto over our actions in a case which is clearly humanitarian in purpose.

Recommendation: That you approve entry of the Shah into the United States for urgent medical attention, with the Tehran Government to be notified of the steps we are taking.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Pres. called ZB late Sat eve. w/approval - ZB called Christopher - I found out after next morning - the Sec room knew nothing about it till Mon. am

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BY [signature] NARS DATE 5/21/04