FROM: Tehran

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 1233, December 8, Noon

FOR AMBASSADOR GRADY GTI

In conversation with Razmara yesterday he reiterated that he expects Shahrokh to remain in office for some time. It seems therefore that we shall be obliged play ball with Shahrokh if we are to proceed with expanded USIE program, including radio.

Suggest you may wish discuss this matter in Department.

Also suggest advisability delay arrival here VOA engineers (DEPTEL 950, December 4) until situation as regards radio broadcasting clarified.

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