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Following is proposed text of State Department release:

"This situation in Iran has long been the subject of great concern to us. Mounting political and economic tensions there have apparently led the Iranian people, under the leadership of their Shah, to seek a new government. Developments in Iran are moving very rapidly and, while we are watching the situation closely, we do not yet have sufficient basis for much comment at this time. We assume from fact Shah has given his approval to the new government (or: "We are glad to note from statements by new government") that the new government will follow a policy of maintaining Iran's independence and promoting its economic and social well being, which is what the U.S. has always wished for Iran. This government has long sought to assist Iran to maintain its territorial integrity, economic health and position in the community of free nations. Iran, under previous governments since the war, has received American aid. Provided the new government desires American assistance, and, as we hope, intends to work in the best interests of Iran, the U.S. expects to be able to continue to extend a helping hand and to cooperate in building Iran's strength to resist communist subversion."

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