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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $(a + b)^2 + 2c^2 \geq 2$ then prove that :

$$5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - (a + b + \sqrt{2}c)^2 - \sqrt{\frac{(a + b)^2}{2} + c^2} \geq 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & 5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - (a + b + \sqrt{2}c)^2 - \sqrt{\frac{(a + b)^2}{2} + c^2} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \\ & 5\left(\frac{(a + b)^2}{2} + c^2\right) - 2((a + b)^2 + 2c^2) - \sqrt{\frac{(a + b)^2 + 2c^2}{2}} = \frac{5x}{2} - 2x - \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} \\ & (x = (a + b)^2 + 2c^2) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} - 1\right) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{\frac{x}{2} - 1}{\sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} + 1} \geq 0 \because x \geq 2 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} - 1 \geq 0 \\ & \therefore 5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - (a + b + \sqrt{2}c)^2 - \sqrt{\frac{(a + b)^2}{2} + c^2} \geq 0 \forall a, b, c > 0 \\ & \text{with } (a + b)^2 + 2c^2 \geq 2, " = " \text{ iff } a = b \wedge a + b = \sqrt{2}c \wedge (a + b)^2 + 2c^2 = 2 \\ & \Rightarrow " = " \text{ iff } \left(a = b = \frac{1}{2}, c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$