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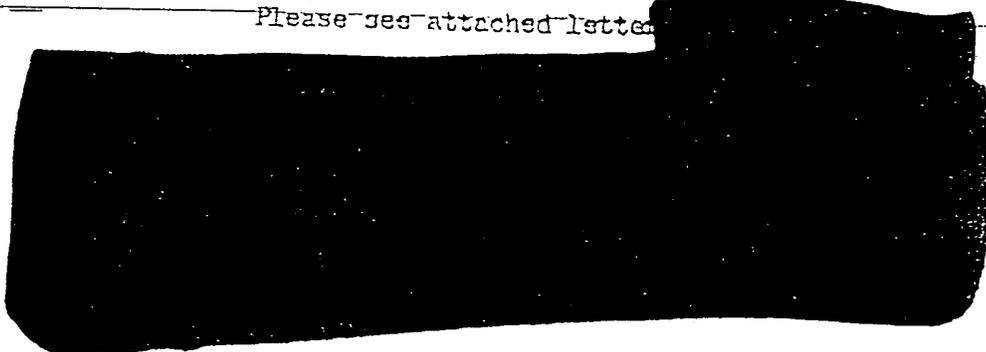
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8 January 1952

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief,
FROM : Deputy Director Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Letter

Please see attached letter



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The events in Persia are turning more and more to tragic. A revolution is under preparation and logically nothing good would result from it for Persia, as the men who are preparing it are not trustworthy. It is unbelievable how much my countrymen who visit Paris, among whom some very prominent men, are ignorant of what is happening in their country. They always speak with great interest of some insignificant local events, such as appointments to ministerial jobs, press articles, etc. but do not pay any attention to the economic and social problems which are far more important. It is just like a picture which shows a small shrub on the fore front much bigger than a hill or a monument on the background. The government's policy is consequently turned towards these minor local problems and our stupid and stubborn Prime Minister is sacrificing a minimum annual revenue of £ 15 millions capable of being increased to £ 50 millions and a minimum annual gain of £ 50 millions in foreign exchange for the sake of gaining the support of an ignorant clergyman in the forthcoming general elections. With the loss of the oil revenue, in a few months time, the country would be bankrupt; there would be no more money to pay the government employees who are the more important class of the country; there would be no more foreign exchange to bring from abroad all the commodities which the country is lacking; there would be no more money to finance even a reduced development plan. Unemployment and general discontent would trouble order and security in the country.

The British are jubilating. They know how the events develop and they look forward for the day on which we should fall at their mercy. They had been very worried these last years about the ever-growing share of profits which Persia derived from her oil industry and her demand for more money. They did not like this money to be spent on the Seven Year Plan which would have brought some prosperity in the land neighboring the Persian Gulf which they had decided to

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remain a desert for ever. They have therefore adopted the line which we, Persians, describe as that of the donkey who goes to death in order to cause a loss to its master. They don't see that ultimately this policy would serve the Russians and that their spies in the Tudeh party are not capable of refraining Tudeh action towards bringing our country behind the Iron Curtain. As a matter of fact these spies, in order to disguise their true identity, are compelled to act more violently than the true Tudeh men and show themselves more Catholics than the Pope. That serve the Russian purpose still better than with genuine Communists.



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Yours very sincerely,