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To: Mr.

1. During the Secretary's audience with the Shah, the latter mentioned that he had just heard from Bazargani who informed him that recently the first and second secretaries of the Soviet embassy in Baghdad had come to call for the purpose of pleading with him to join in a coalition of the Ba'ath and the communists. He requested the Shah's advice. The Shah replied, "Do so if you want to commit suicide"!
2. I know this is a standard Soviet effort which they have tried several times before. So I pass this on just as a check on what you are getting from the Kurds themselves and your Iranian friends.

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