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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-102: Probable Developments in Iran through 1954

BACKGROUND

1. This estimate supersedes NIE-75/1, "Probable Developments in Iran through 1953", published 9 January 1953, and SE-49, "The Current Outlook in Iran", published 26 August 1953. It was scheduled for completion this quarter at the request of the IAC when the IAC had SE-49 under consideration. The production of NIE-102 was accelerated recently at Mr. Amory's request in anticipation of State Policy Planning Staff and NSC Planning Board requirements.

SUBSTANCE

2. As far as we know, the IAC agencies are now generally in agreement on this text. We therefore do not believe any major points of difference are likely to arise at the IAC meeting.

3. The following points may be raised:

- a. G-2: May propose an additional conclusion on the loyalty and effectiveness of the armed forces, including a list of factors which might impair these qualities.

Comment: We believe the present treatment of this point in the Discussion (para. 7, page 3) is adequate. We do not believe that any G-2 amendment should be adopted which suggests that the loyalty and effectiveness of the armed forces is precarious.

- b. Air Force: May propose minor rewording in para. 16 (page 8) to indicate that while the Shah and Zohedi do plan to restore relations with the UK, they do not plan to do so immediately.

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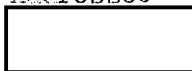
- g. State: Will probably propose wording changes in a number of conclusions. We do not as yet have their specific proposals.

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