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MEMORANDUM FOR: David H. Blee
Acting Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT : Country Seminar on Iran

1. From time to time over the past two years we have sponsored working level country seminars, designed to give Agency specialists on countries of prime importance to the US a chance to exchange views informally but in some depth. The sessions have been held at [redacted] facility, with participants arriving at about noon on the first day and winding up their deliberations the following afternoon.

2. Those who attended previous seminars on Indonesia, Thailand, and Chile are unanimous in their enthusiasm for the program. They attribute its success to [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] we are now making arrangements for a similar session on Iran, with particular emphasis on tensions between Iran and Iraq and on Iran's expanding role in the Persian Gulf. I would like to invite appropriate officers from your Directorate to attend. I have asked [redacted] of OCI/PGI to make the necessary arrangements. He will be in touch with [redacted] [redacted] work out details.

PAUL V. WALSH
Associate Deputy Director
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cc: [redacted]

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