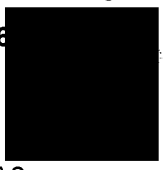


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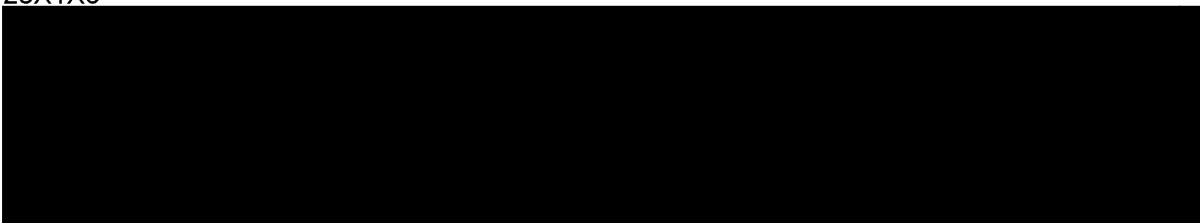
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1. A well placed source reports that the Russians are attaching increasing importance to the retention of the lease of part of the Tehran railway station warehouses by Iransovtrans. A contract for one year was described by them as useless.
2. The following is reported to be a translation of an undated letter from the Iranian State Railway Administration, Department of the Ministry of Communications, to the Ministry of Communications proper, concerning Russian use of railway warehouses:

"As you are aware, it was agreed that all warehouses, buildings and sites which were occupied by Iransovtrans, from the time we started collaboration with them until now, should be handed over to the Railway Administration, and that a decision should be taken, with the agreement of both parties, in regard to rent due for the period of the Iransovtrans occupation.

"As a result of the steps we have taken and conversations which have been in progress for a considerable time, the warehouses along the line have been vacated and handed over to the officials of the Administration; however, Iransovtrans have requested that the warehouse at Tehran station should be rented to them on certain conditions; they insisted that this was absolutely necessary, in order to maintain good commercial relationship between the two countries.

"Conversations between the two parties have been in progress for some time. After several meetings of commissions, at which legal experts of the Railway Administration expressed their views, it was decided in a separate contract signed by Iransovtrans representatives, submitted to you herewith, that the following installations should be leased to Iransovtrans for a period of two years dating from 21 March 1946 to 21 March 1948:

- Tehran Station warehouse, including the office
- A yard, 26,460 meters square;
- Two loading platforms, one 1,219 meters square, and the other 500 meters square;
- 14 sidings.

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"In return they will pay a sum of Rls 300,000 per annum, monthly installments of which amount to Rls 25,000, to be paid in advance in two six-monthly installments to the account of the Administration. This agreement has been drawn up in two copies under 11 headings and signed by Mr. Palyashchak, the Managing Director of Iransovtrans, and Mr. Barishnikov, their Chief Accountant. It has now been sent to the Railway Administration for signature. After signature, copies will be exchanged. At the last meeting, which took place on 15 October 1946 under the Chairmanship of Engineer Bahman, Chief of the Railway Administration, it was agreed in a separate letter that the past rent of the warehouses and the buildings which had subsequently been put up by Iransovtrans, as well as the Administration's claims, should be fixed by Iransovtrans. The Administration then wrote a letter expressing its views to Iransovtrans. In reply Iransovtrans sent us a letter dated 23 October, but, since this reply was not very clear to the Administration, we again brought up the question of the past rent and what was to happen to any installations Iransovtrans might have subsequently put up, insisting that the past rents should be fixed.

"Finally, since Iransovtrans is a permanent client of the Railway Administration, the former is handing over to that Administration a fuel storage tank, constructed by Iransovtrans at the time when the Allies were here, of 5,500 cubic meters capacity. The Railway Administration, complying with the request of Iransovtrans, agreed that this space should be leased to the latter for a period of two years."

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