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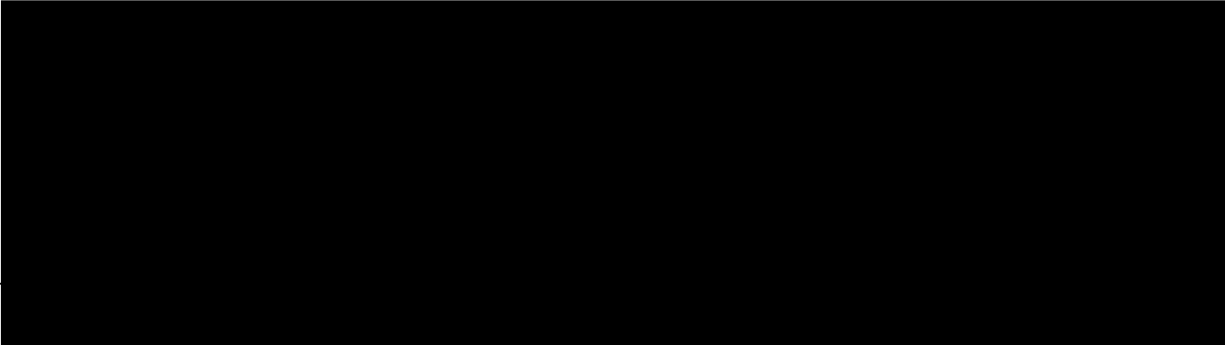
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1. The attempted assassination of the Shah of Iran, which was part of a Tudeh Party plot to seize power in Tehran, was planned as follows:

- a. The plot involved the assassination of eleven other important Iranians (ten of these unspecified), including General Mohammad Saffari, Chief of Police, after the murder of the Shah.
- b. The bazaar was to have been looted and the Majlis and various ministries were to have been burned in the resulting confusion.
- c. Large group meetings of Tudeh Party supporters had been arranged by Tudeh leaders and were to have taken place in and near Tehran at the same time. The largest group was to have consisted of 6,000 persons at Shah 'Abd-al-Azin Mosque. Informant states that a large gathering of persons, some of whom were armed, was assembled at the Mosque at the arranged time.
- d. Tudeh motorcycle messengers were waiting between Tehran and the Mosque to bring news of the attack on the Shah.
- e. Cell leaders were informed by Tudeh Party leaders at noon\* of the plan for the twelve murders and were told to move into Tehran with men, when instructed. The twelve appointed assassins were accompanied by two other men who were to kill any assassins that might lose their nerve.

2. The police seized a number of documents during the raid on Tudeh Party premises but no details are available.

3. There has been no evidence of Soviet complicity in this matter.

\* Washington Comment. Presumably on 4 February, the date of the assassination attempt.

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