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Iranian press and public apparently unaware storm criticism of Iranian attitude re oil which has appeared in US press, particularly since Mosadeq's Natl Press Club speech. Emb has considered it unwise make this knowledge available through its USA news report. We believe, however, it might be helpful VOA cld next several days outline in friendly and restrained manner various critical editorials. It is believed this cld be done in such way as convey idea that US generally sympathetic with Iranian aspirations for full econ and polit independence but inclined think Iranians have allowed themselves to be swept by emotions into position which puts them in light unfair to selves and renders it extremely difficult for their Amer friends to aid them without appearing to approve of their somewhat rash actions and rather unreasoning attitude.

Excerpts from series critical editorials might be sweetened to extent by interjection selections from editorials or statements made by prominent US officials showing understanding of Iranian position for urging Brit also show more flexibility. We deem it equally helpful for VOA programs, whenever appropriate, to indicate desires people US to help Iranian people in every possible way and to make friendly ref to Shah as their progressive leader.

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