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SUBJECT: I.E.: Local Newspaper Items of USIE Radio Scripts.

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The Embassy submits another example of Tehran press comment on the supplying of radio scripts by USIE to Radio Tehran. The enclosed clipping comes from a newspaper called "Kiam Derakshan" a paper only about a month old and one of the apparently leftist tendency. The first part of the article says:

"These days it is very interesting to listen to the mouthpiece of our home-made reaction, i.e. Radio Tehran. Radio Tehran broadcasts the 'filthiest' news and the most shameful of commentaries. Such news and commentaries are edited and prepared by so-called 'national writers' who receive exorbitant salaries for the filth they feed the people.

"In addition to that, Radio Tehran has now become a branch of the VOA and broadcasts features and news prepared and edited at USIE. The American Embassy usually pays handsomely all those papers which publish such features, articles or news but the surprising and pathetic thing about the whole business is that Radio Tehran does not receive a cent for its obedient services. Radio Tehran serves the 'Yankee World' (old Persian name for America, now contemptuous term used in reference with the U.S.) broadcasts USIE originated absurdities and spends a great deal of money from the funds of our impoverished treasury.

"Every day we listen to lengthy talks on American rubber industry, automobile industry, tank factories and the fantastic amounts of money U.S. industrialists make.

"A few years ago, the Government intending to cut off the Iran-Soviet Cultural Society Program from Radio Tehran claimed it had decided to discontinue broadcasting any foreign program by Radio Tehran. But now that Mr. Jalal-ed-din Shafa, the very great and venerable inventor, has visited America and probably because of the sincere friendship existing between the governments entourage with American officials, Radio Tehran has again started broadcasting absurdities put out by the American Embassy.

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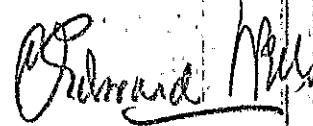
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"The Iranian announcer, as instructed by his boss, speaks on behalf of the humanitarian (!) and peace-loving (!) America. Instead of broadcasting programs from which our people may benefit, he tells stories about the good quality of American nylon toy-balloons and rubber-covered roads in U.S.A. and, interesting enough, he is not paid even a cent for the services which he performs by his lords."

The remainder of the article deals with matters of salaries, qualifications of Radio Tehran personnel, etc. without attention to USIE.

References to tank factories, fantastic incomes, nylon toy-balloons and rubber covered roads in this case, represent pure invention or very considerable distortion of the material in the scripts.

For the Ambassador:



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Enclosure:   
Newspaper clipping.

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