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I. USIA and Department feel urgent consideration should be given meeting following problems. We propose take action in Washington as indicated. Will appreciate a) Embassy's reaction to usefulness proposals; b) statement indicating what action Embassy can and will take to meet these problems and others it considers urgent; c) Embassy's suggestions re any further backstopping from Washington. Addresses other than Tehran invited indicate if they need any special materials Iran situation for use their countries.

A. To convince Iran leaders and public desirability definitely aligning themselves with West.

1. Via Wireless File and VOA we propose sustaining subtle materials:

a. Pointing up speciousness Soviet "friendship" and fate of nations accepting it.

b. Allaying Iranian distrust of "outsiders" (U.S. in this case) by repeating and reiterating sole interest U.S. in Iran is in free, independent, strengthened Iran capable taking her place in community free nations.

c. Citing history U.S. aid Iran to prove no strings attached U.S. friendship.

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d. Citing dangers and inadvisability small nations trying to play big powers off against each other.

e. Reiterating obvious advantages of aligning with West and mutuality of Iranian and Western aspirations and practices: personal and religious freedom, freedom of speech, etc.

B. To encourage Iranians to help themselves.

1. We propose develop materials:

a. Widely reporting and applauding Iranians when they take steps or make statements that direction, such as Finance Minister's recent statements re roads, housing, employment, etc.

b. We will seek stimulate official U.S. statements in connection Iran's exploitation her own resources, and will give heaviest play; also, will pick up selected responsible comment this subject.

c. Citing U.S. principle and practice of helping nations seriously interested in helping themselves. That is, make it clear U.S. policy aims at rewarding good-intentioned friends rather than giving our closest attention to dubious and vacillating "neutrals."

II. Due overt nature USIA operations, agency unable take such substantive action re current problems of:

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- a. Charge U.S. had hand deposing Mosadeq.
- b. Charge Zahedi U.S. tool.
- c. Developing myth Mosadeq Iranian grand old man.

As necessary, however, Agency plans reiterate, re a. and b. above, U.S. policy non-intervention internal affairs of others.

Re c. above, Agency plans neither originate nor pick up comment, and to ignore news of trial, etc., except for credibility.

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