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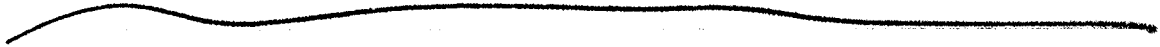
Subject: Interview with Imam Jumeah

"The Imam Jumeah [sic] thru much to my surprise began discussing the Shah. According to him, the Shah was much perplexed as to what he should do in the present situation. He feared the British were preparing to overthrow him. In conversation with the Imam Jumeah the latter maintained that the National Front was a British creation which apparently had strengthened the Shah's suspicion that the British were plotting his overthrow. The Shah, he said, is obsessed with the memory of what ^{P2} the British had done to his father. However, not long ago the British demanded that the Shah remove Dr. Mossadeq. This was contrary to their assumption and when the Shah told him of this demand, the Imam Jumeah was unable to explain it. At this point I said it might be well for them to reconsider their assumption and it might be more fruitful if they stopped thinking in terms of intrigue and adopted the premise that the Anglo-Saxons meant no more or less than what they said. He asked me what I thought of what he had mentioned. I said that I, of course, knew nothing of any British desire to remove the Shah. On the contrary, I was under the impression that he was considered to be a stabilizing force in the present situation. The Imam Jumeah said that the Shah was looking for assurances of support, guidance, and advice & emphasized the Shah's perplexity and confusion...."

"If the Shah were assured of support, he said, a coup could easily be arranged & with the arrest of about twenty persons the country could be diverted from its present disastrous course."

Shah fears Brit trying to overthrow him

"On departing I mentioned that I was leaving Iran for awhile. He seemed to be somewhat depressed at this. He was going to see Ayatollah Borujirdi at Qum on Monday (December 3, 1951). It seems the Shah had sent Minister of Court Ala to Borujirdi to discuss ~~measures~~ measures to be taken to combat the growing threat of Communism. Borujirdi had expressed the desire to see the Imam Jumeah. The latter wanted to see me again after his trip to Qum...."



Amb. Brady's conversation w/ PM Musadeq on August 30, 1951

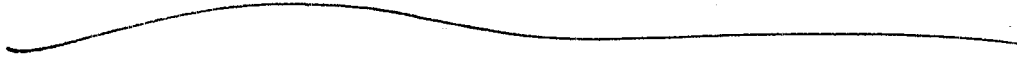
MEMORANDUM of CONVERSATION - Enclosure to Despatch No. 313, Sept. 4, 1951

(John H. Stutesman, Jr. there as interpreter)

"The PM concluded the conversation by referring to the necessity of obtaining lubricating oils which are in short supply in Iran today. He said, "If it is impossible for us to get lubricating oils from the United States, we will have to turn to the U.S.S.R. for assistance."

COMMENT

The statement quoted directly above was part of a thinly veiled attitude of blackmail which pervaded the entire interview. The Prime Min's hope of assistance from the US was more clearly indicated than ever before... The PM appears to be working on ~~the~~ ^{an} assumption that the US, in order to prevent economic disaster in Iran w/ consequent Communist resurgence, will step in to assure Iran's continued receipt of oil revenues...."



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Memorandum of Conversation between Ali Razmara, the PM of Iran, and
Arthur L. Richards, US Counselor of Embassy - January 11, 1951
(Air Pouch)

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Razmara plays down Comm. activity in Iran but does make following
interesting point:

"He reminded me that Tudeh activity here had decreased considerably
when the United Nations forces in Korea were defeating the North Koreans.
Now that the tide had turned and the world was well aware of
the great advances made by the North Korean and the Chinese
Communists, Communist activity in Iran had increased accordingly."

Same Memo of Conversation — but January 4, 1951
(Same 2 officials as above)

Razmara expresses great interest in ARAMCO's new oil agreement w/ Arabia
and asks for details —

"I replied that I had been informed of the new agreement but unfortunately
did not yet know the exact terms. However, I did give him the item
on the subject which appeared in the wireless bulletin on the night of
January 3. The PM commented that he wanted to see Mr. Thornburg
as soon as possible to discuss with him the exact significance of
the new agreement, adding that he was sure that the new agreement
would have considerable influence on his negotiations w/ the AIOC."

ARAMCO
deal

(continued)

"The Prime Minister made a particular point of expressing his disapproval of
the recent press statements of Mr. Thornburg which were critical of AIOC.
He stated that Mr. Thornburg had given the impression through his remarks
that there was a difference in policy and even friction between the British
and Americans in Iran. He stated that such impressions were most
unfortunate from every point of view & could only benefit the Persians."

Secret Memorandum - Jan. 16, 1952 - Imam Jumeah
Ali Pasha Saleh
Rafiq Curumo

Hints, self for Prime Minister

Candidate for Tehran in forthcoming elections

"He duly warned that much of the present nationalist hysteria was British created for the purpose of removing American influence from Iran."

"... for the second time asked that the Shah be assured of British and American support...."

"It is the Imam Jumeah's opinion that the Shah fears the British wish to have him removed. In this connection, the Imam Jumeah mentioned a conversation he recently had with Piquan of the British Embassy. In this conversation it appears the Imam Jumeah told Piquan of this belief and Piquan did not deny it."

Shah
fears
British

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E. A. Boyne to The Ambassador

Conversation w/ Minister of Court Ala, Oct. 24, 1951

Impr. had Boyne approach Ala about his opinion re: FY-52 Grant-in-Aid Program
(E. A. Boyne had last seen Ala in April)

"Ala was vehement in describing the alleged venality and corruptive ambitions of the group surrounding the Premier. He described Makki as ruthless, strongly suspected of pro-Tudeh association, and presently engaged in developing an anti-Mosadegh alliance with Karkhani. He described Harsili as being similarly Tudeh disposed...."

He described Karkhani as being a man of strength largely because of his access to Shrine funds. He said the Chief Accountant of the Shrine was a lieutenant of Karkhani's & had developed an organization throughout the Shrine organization which made it possible to finance inflammatory meetings, and the activities of agitators working throughout the country. If this could be stopped, much of Karkhani's power would be broken."

Qavam... with the approval of the Shah, has already made several overtures to Bruzjidi. This prominent prelate of the mosque in Qum, in a forthright effort to split the clergy of Islam from Koshari as a matter of national interest, is being asked by Qavam to join the forces of moderation against Koshari. The principal appeal to Bruzjidi being in the fact that the strength of the Tudeh Party was growing so rapidly that the whole church & the monarchical structure was seriously endangered. [312]

Tehran Despatch of Jan. 18, 1952 by A.L. Richards - Counselor in
"Recent Overt Action of Fedayan Islam"

"At one time Ayatollah Koshari adopted the Fedayan as his own until a deepening breach came between him and Safavi. Because several Fedayan prisoners arrested after Rojzvara's assassination had not been released, the Fedayan threatened the lives of both Koshari and PM Mosadeg...."

6/3/51 - Safavi arrested - Qam Prison

"In September Safavi issued a statement from prison requesting his followers
"not to indulge in slanders against His Holiness Ayatollah Koshari...".

Koshari displeased at Mury: 1) Nabki got more votes in Tehran election - Mury should have supported him more,
2) Mury hesitates in meeting his personnel requests

(Feb. 16, 1952 - Richards Report)

Nelson Rockefeller & Shah - NYT Mag 5/17/81 p. 40 *

David Rockefeller The Middle East 9/1979 p. 90

John Anderson Washington Post 10/12/79 on D. Rockefeller

News on Betty Shah in NYTimes 2/4/81 McKernan also

Marchand Kennedy on resume attempt NYTimes 1/24/81

1/26/81

1/27/81

Shah's estimates of ASSETS NYTimes 2/9/80

Kennedy, Helms, Rockefeller, Melby NYTimes 7/28/80
on Shah's

Shah's Emami - Nebari p. 189

Sullivan's frustrations - NYT June 22, 1980
Nov. 27, 1981

Nelson Rockefeller & Shah - NYT Magazine 5/17/81 p. 40

Kennedy & Shah - NYT Magazine 5/17/81 ↗

McClary: Reulypolaster }
Vance } complained about McClary's inexperience
Johnson }

Phil Steward - Herge Crisis - Int. Tribunal - "Iran Paper"
"Summer"

Bird & Heald

James Linn -

McGhee op-ed piece - NY Times - Dec. ~~1973~~ 30, 1974
"The Price of Oil"

McClary - 1955 to Meant, 57 to Egypt, 58(?), 62-64 Haver,
Reper of Sand - McClary trip 1970 - Haver's funeral
in 1970

- ✓ 3-4 times to Iran in 1960s
- ✓ Good host to 2000 yr celebration
- ✓ 1968 war

Get

* Philip H. Bush, Jr., Elites in American History
Holmes & Meier, 1980

Special Report

Terrorist Movements
in Iran (U) 67pp.

Actually 2 such Special Reports

Headquarters
Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Washington, D.C. 20314
December 1975

Anti-American Terrorism in Iran (U)
pp. 36

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1970-75: 31 bombings v. US & US related targets

- 1970-0
- 1971-2
- 1972-13
- 1973-4
- 1974-6
- 1975-6

21 May '75 - USAF officer
Shaffer & Turner
announced

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"Recent events have demonstrated the serious nature of the threat posed to Americans residing in Iran by terrorist groups there...."

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"This situation has been compounded by the rapid increase in the size of the American community during the past few years. Whereas the community numbered about 500 govt & military members & families and 10,000 private citizens in 1972, today it includes approximately 6,500 in the official community and around 20,000 in the private sector. By the end of 1978 the private sector is expected to number 50,000; there is not available proportion for the official community. This rapid growth in so short a time will strip Americans of their anonymity and raise the profile of their presence considerably."

(P.3) Air Force does these two reports after Turner & Shaffer killed !!

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