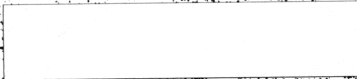


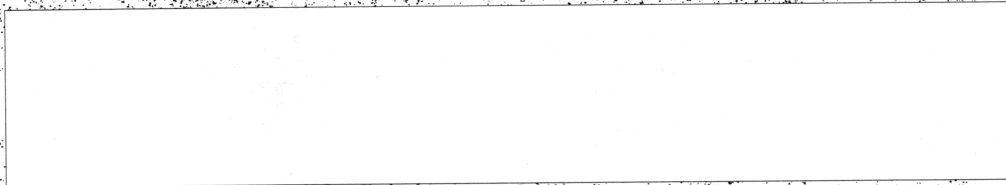
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FROM: Mr. Roosevelt



1. Prime Minister Zahedi is "furious" with Chief of Staff General Batmangelich and Deputy Chief of Staff Deihimi because he feels that the latter are delaying prosecution of traitors in order to discredit the Zahedi government.
2. When Zahedi learned on 12 October that three sailor-saboteurs on the warship Babr had not been executed upon capture by the Army, Zahedi sent his son, Ardeshir Zahedi, to the Shah to demand that the Shah dismiss Batmangelich and Deihimi or accept the resignation of Zahedi.
3. Ardeshir relayed to the Shah Zahedi's demand for dismissal of Batmangelich and Deihimi but did not mention Zahedi's threat to resign. The Shah was noncommittal, stating that Batmangelich was doing a good job.

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