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FROM: Mr. Roosevelt

1. Reported refusal of Nasr Khan Qashqai to come to Tehran to see the Shah and Prime Minister Zahedi has precipitated a decision by the Zahedi government to force the Qashqai leaders to capitulate or flee.
2. Major General Hemat, an old enemy of the Qashqais, has been designated commanding General of Shiraz forces. Hemat is to confer with Zahedi on 17 October.
3. Zahedi intends to reinforce the Shiraz Garrison to a total strength of 40,000. Small groups from four southern divisions are now being moved into Shiraz.
4. Ten thunderbolt planes are ready to fly except for batteries. Approximately thirteen hurricanes are immobilized for lack of propellers. Zahedi sent priority order to the Hawker Company in England for 13 propellers.
5. Zahedi led a discussion on the evening of 14 October among Generals Hedayat, Batmangelich, Guilanshah, Dadsetan, Bakhtiar, Azimi, Akhavi, and Deihimi. Zahedi laid down the strategy while the others listened. Zahedi plans to take the heights surrounding the Qashqai's southern location and to demand capitulation. He does not expect the Qashqais to fight.

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