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FROM: Mr. Roosevelt

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1. Former Prime Minister Mossadeq has written a letter to Prime Minister Zahedi denying any intention to overthrow the Iranian dynasty. In letter Mossadeq also denied that referendum scheduled after Shah's departure for Baghdad was designed to end the Shah's rule.

2. Zahedi read Mossadeq's letter to members of Cabinet who received it "with amusement".

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