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FROM: Mr. Roosevelt

Following was received from Station today and is considered reliable:

1. A. KP Brigade is known as "Central KP Brigade." It consists of three regiments.
    - (1) One regiment numeral unknown is an Headquarters service regiment and from combat point of view is non-effective.
    - (2) 52 regiment is a training regiment. It consists of two battalions one of which is composed exclusively of new recruits and other of recruits with less than twelve months service.
    - (3) One regiment numeral unknown consists of two battalions both well trained. One of these is a reserve battalion; the other one consists of four companies two of which are distributed throughout city in twenty detachments of two officers and ten men each.
  - B. In addition to above regiments the Brigade includes an "escort troop" entirely motorized (motorcycles and jeeps) of 120 men. Duties this troop is escort Shah or other prominent personalities at public appearances. This unit is considered as emergency shock troop.
  - C. Brigade has enough motorized transport to move simultaneously two battalions
  - D. Armament, equipment and commo facilities described as "adequate".
  - E. Heaviest weapon is the 3.5 bazooka. Armament also includes 60 mm mortars and substantial supply machine pistols.
2. In event riots Tehran main responsibility Gendarmerie is to bar access city to bands marching from provinces. Cites case July 52 when Gendarmeries prevented mob 500 strong recruited Kermanshah Hamadan area from driving into city. (General Possough then CO Gendarmerie was later suspended from his command for having taken this step.)
  3. Security forces fully capable maintain order Tehran providing receive orders from Chief Staff and these orders received at battalion command level.

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