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MEMORANDUMOwen: Could I have a full
curriculum vitae on Nasr
(for the Belgians).

To : The Secretary-General,
United Nations

From : David Owen,
Executive Chairman, TAB.

Subject : The Mission to Ruanda Urundi

Date: 14 June 1960

On the assumption that we are now looking for someone who will make an acceptable stand-by appointment, to be replaced within (say) six to eight weeks by a longer term, more senior representative, the best suggestions I can think of are:-

- (1) Taghi Nasr (Iranian) now resident representative in Cairo, who could be released by the end of the month. He is now completing the programming for 1961-62 for the United Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. He was at one time Minister of Finance in Iran, and has been an Executive Director of the International Bank. He has served us well in Cairo. His French is good.
- (2) David Blickenstaff who is with us now, and who is due to take over from Keen in New Delhi on August 15th. His excellent qualifications need no description, and he has the advantage of being immediately available. The date of the transfer of TAB responsibility - August 15th - has been agreed with the Government of India, and would make it possible for him to serve in Ruanda Urundi for six weeks without any change in TAB arrangements. Blickenstaff is due to leave for a briefing round of the European agencies at the end of this week, but this could be postponed or curtailed. If he is to be used, it would be necessary to move quickly.

For the longer term, you may well have thought of Gale Plaza, although it would perhaps be rather early to approach him so soon after the Ecuadorian election.

Philippe de Seynes has suggested the name of Robert Asher (United States) of the Brookings Institute as the economist to the Mission (but not as leader). He was for some time member of the U.S. Mission to E.C.E. An excellent man.

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London
16. June '60

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: Dr. Taghi Nasr NATIONALITY: Iranian
DATE OF BIRTH: 6 June 1906 CIVIL STATUS: married
LANGUAGES: Persian
English
French
Arabic

EDUCATION: 1921-24 University of Tehran, Iran, B.A. (Pol. Science)
1924-26 University of Tehran, Iran, Licence (Law)
1927-28 University of Grenoble, France, Licence en Droit
1928-33 University of Paris, France, LL.D. (Law, Sociology, Ethics)

NON-JUN
EXPERIENCE: 1934-37 Asst. Director of Economics, Iranian Ministry of Finance
Iranian Gov't. Service
1936-39 Professor of Economics, University of Tehran, Iran
1939-41 President and Managing Director, Agricultural and
Industrial Bank of Iran, Iranian Gov't. Service
1941-46 Director, Iranian Trade and Economic Commission in
the United States, Iranian Gov't. Service

Ministerial Appointments:

Between 1949 and 1950 served as Minister of Economic
Affairs and later as Minister of Finance.

Also served as Governor and Alternate Director of the
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,
Wash. D.C.

Represented the Iranian Government at the following international
conferences:

- 1943 United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture,
Hot Springs, Virginia
- 1943 The Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 1944 United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference,
Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
- 1944 International Civil Aviation Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

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Dr. Taghi Nasr

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EXPERIENCE:

- 1947-48 Economic Affairs Officer, International Trade Secretariat,
Department of Economic Affairs, N.Y.
Assigned to the United Nations Conference on Trade and
Employment in Havana in 1947.
- 1948-49 Economic Affairs Officer, Middle East Section of Division
of Economic Stability and Development, Dept. of Econ. Affrs.
- 1949-51 Returned to Government Service.
- 1951-55 Regional Representative for Middle East, Co-ordination
and Planning, Technical Assistance Administration.
- 1955-57 Director, Office for Europe, Middle East and Africa,
Technical Assistance Administration.
- 1957-
present Resident Representative of the Technical Assistance Board
in the United Arab Republic

PUBLICATIONS: Essai sur l'Histoire du Droit Persan des l'Origine a l'Invasion
Arabe, Paris, 1933;

Land Tax and Tobacco Monopoly in Persia (in Persian), Tehran;

Treatise on Economics (in three volumes; in Persian), Tehran, imp.
Bank Melli, 1939 - publication of the second and third volumes
were interrupted by the war.



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NOTE~~INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM~~

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 22 June 19560FROM: Roberto M. Heurtematte
Commissioner for Technical Assistance

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Roberto M. Heurtematte, is written over the 'FROM' field and extends into the 'DATE' field.

FILE NO.: _____

SUBJECT: Ruanda-Urundi MissionFor your information

1. The terms of reference, with your final revision, have been approved by Ambassador Loridan who has cabled the Resident Governor in Usumbura to expect the mission on 27 June and make arrangements for lodging, transportation, office facilities, etc. The mission is composed entirely of staff members as follows:

Taghi Nasr
Walter Chudson
Myles Minchin
Francoise de Billy

2. Arrangements have been concluded to establish a pouch service, and make it possible to send messages in code. Mrs. de Billy already acted as code clerk in Togoland.

3. Taghi Nasr will be instructed to be in Leopoldville on 8 August, the date of your arrival.

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United Nations, N.Y.

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24 June 1960

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC MISSION TO GO TO RUANDA-URUNDI

At the request of the Government of Belgium, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has agreed to send to the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi an economic mission to survey the economic and financial resources and needs of the territory with a view to future United Nations assistance.

The mission is composed of the following permanent members of the United Nations Secretariat: Taghi Nasr, Resident Representative of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board in Cairo; Walter Chudson of the Economic Survey Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Myles Minchin of the Department of Trusteeship; and Miss Francoise de Billy, Secretary.

The mission is expected to arrive in Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi, on Monday, 27 June.

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MANDAT DE LA MISSION POUR LE RUANDA-URUNDI

1. A la demande du Gouvernement belge, Autorité administrante pour le Territoire sous tutelle du Ruanda-Urundi, le Secrétaire général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies a accepté d'envoyer dans le Territoire sous tutelle du Ruanda-Urundi une Mission économique, qui portera le nom de Mission économique des Nations Unies au Ruanda-Urundi.
2. La Mission est appelée à étudier les ressources et les besoins économiques et financiers du Territoire en vue d'une assistance ultérieure des Nations Unies et est invitée, dans l'accomplissement de sa tâche, à coopérer pleinement avec l'Administration du Territoire sous tutelle.
3. La Mission est autorisée à entreprendre telles tâches connexes et à prêter telle assistance connexe qui peuvent lui être demandées par l'Administration du Territoire.
4. La durée de la Mission sera fixée, compte tenu de l'expérience, par voie d'accord entre le Gouvernement belge et le Secrétaire général.
5. La Mission, tout en travaillant en étroite coopération avec l'Administration du Territoire sous tutelle, rendra compte de son activité au Secrétaire général, qui communiquera au Gouvernement belge les rapports recus.

Terms of Reference for United Nations Economic Mission
to Ruanda-Urundi

1. On the request of the Government of Belgium, the Administering Authority for the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has agreed to send to the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi an Economic Mission, to be known as United Nations Economic Mission to Ruanda-Urundi.
2. The Mission is requested to survey the economic and financial resources and needs of the Territory with a view to future United Nations assistance, and is directed, in the fulfilment of its task, to co-operate fully with the Administration of the Trust Territory.
3. The Mission is authorized to undertake such related tasks and render related assistance as may be required of it by the Administration of the Territory.
4. The duration of the Mission shall be determined in the light of experience by agreement between the Government of Belgium and the Secretary-General.
5. The Mission, while maintaining close co-operation with the Administration of the Trust Territory, shall report on its activities to the Secretary-General who will communicate the reports received to the Government of Belgium.