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Sec. Gen's trip to Iran 1956

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Dear Andy,

Enclosed are the briefing notes prepared for the Secretary General on his brief visit here. You have my cable 28 of 26 January summarizing the whirlwind. The visit went off like clockwork except that the Shah kept him for an hour instead of twenty minutes. As I had arranged in anticipation, the plane (SAS) was held twenty minutes at departure time. It was a hectic but profitable visit.

For DPI I think the coverage was good - tapes, newsreel and stills. Of course George Ivan and I worked smoothly as old friends.

The aid figures in the third memo are perhaps not accurate in every detail for minor adjustments came from some Agencies at the last instant but the changes are minor.

At the luncheon for the Secretary General, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, and the Managing Director of the Plan Organization who is Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for UN technical assistance, all made very nice remarks and thanks for UN aid. I had prepared for the Foreign Office the briefing material on our programme to be given the Cabinet and Shah. Obviously the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister had been pleasantly surprised at the size of the 1956 programme.

The Secretary General's statement to the TAA experts was very good and was recorded (in French) for DPI use except for the tail which was lost because of a power failure.

You will not be surprised that up to the end the Iranian officials kept protesting that the visit was too short. The Boss handled the explanation very smoothly.

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the Secretary-General,
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New York.

From our family point of view, our only draw-back was that Mina is still in bed (seventh week, three weeks of which in the hospital) with infectitious hepatitis and resultant jaundice. The poor girl has been really very ill since before Christmas. We hope she'll be out of bed in ten days after which two months of rest at home will be necessary.

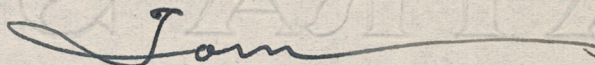
Many thanks for your recent letter about the state of affairs at the end of the G.A.

This is a tough but fascinating place. There's lots still to do but we're getting along effectively and much good work is being done.

You'll be interested to know that in the planning stages of this trip messages about schedules etc. between us arrived twenty-four hours ahead of similar messages sent via the Iranian Delegation.

Best to Dorothy, the children and grandchild. It's about time you made a tour - Meg joins us in offering our guest room to Raggedy Andy.

All best,



Thomas F. Power, Jr.
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