

16 July 1953

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FROM: Mr. Roosevelt

The following was received 15 July:

1. Zahedi claims to have following military assets, and has following plan of action:

2. Military figures to take active part:

- A. [Redacted]
- B. [Redacted]
- C. [Redacted]
- D. [Redacted]
- E. [Redacted]

3. Plan action (assuming Shah's cooperation).

A. Since Zahedi unwilling "political suicide" by extra-legal move, he expects gain legal status for move in one of following ways:

(1) Shah to appoint Zahedi Prime Minister on grounds that Mossadeq forfeited office by "unconstitutional acts".

(2) Shah to dismiss Mossadeq without appointing successor; Zahedi temporary Military Governor "pending selection of Prime Minister by Majlis".

(3) Shah appointment Zahedi to replace Riahi as Chief Staff; immediate arrest Riahi by Zahedi.

(4) Shah's appointment Zahedi Minister Court; immediate isolation Amiri, present Min Court.

B. [Redacted]

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