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FROM: Mr. Roosevelt

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1. The two deputy Chiefs of Staff, Generals Akhavi and Dehimi, are intriguing to remove Chief of Staff Batmangelich in favor of General Arfa. [REDACTED] objective is to make Arfa another Razmara.
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[REDACTED] an interview with Prime Minister Zahedi revealed following:

1. The Iranian Government has been financially supporting Ayatollah Behbehani. Zahedi is willing to give Behbehani's candidates jobs of less importance than key positions. However, Behbehani's son Ja'far wants the portfolio of Minister of National Economy. Such an appointment is impossible and failure of the Prime Minister to carry it out has resulted in the estrangement of the Prime Minister and Behbehani.
2. Amidi Nuri, the Deputy Prime Minister, has helped Zahedi greatly and will not be removed unless he "does something wrong."
3. Colonel Paidar is to be removed as head of the secret police when another position is found for him.
4. Chief of Police General Alavi Moqadam may be removed in the near future.
5. Sharif Imami, head of the Seven Year Plan Organization, has been instructed to change certain corrupt appointments in his department. If the Prime Minister's instructions are not carried out promptly, Imami is to be removed.

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