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FROM: Mr. Roosevelt

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1. Zahedi intends to issue a press statement linking Tudeh Party, former Prime Minister Mossadeq and others to sabotage of the Iranian Air Force planes on 22 September.
2. Close advisers of Zahedi are urging him to dismiss Chief of Staff Batmangelich immediately because of the sabotage incident.
3. Zahedi wants the Shah to dismiss Deputy Chiefs of Staff, General Akhavi and General Deihimi, but prefers to give Batmangelich one week to rid the Army of undesirable elements.
4. Zahedi desires to retain himself the post of Minister of Interior in order to control election for the next Majlis.
5. Zahedi has sent five messages to the Shah requesting that the Shah order the Military Tribunal to expedite execution of Mossadeq and others. The Shah has not yet complied.
6. Zahedi is meeting with General Hedayat, Minister of National Defense, and Batmangelich at 1400 hours Tehran time on 23 September to issue instructions that the Tudeh and other dangerous elements must be purged from the Armed Forces within one week.

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