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IRAN: THE GHOTBI PAMPHLET AND THE MUSSADEQ PERIOD

1 In my letter of 6 October I referred to the instruction we received from the Secretary of State to brief him about the Ghotbi pamphlet and to produce an analysis of the Mussadeq period. Research Department and our Embassy in Tehran have kindly responded.

2 Meanwhile, at the recent Anglo/American talks held in Washington, the Americans revealed to Mr Crowe, in confidence, that they were having to examine their own records of the Mussadeq period because of the requirement to release them under the Freedom of Information Act. You will no doubt wish to consider what bearing this development will have on our own record of the time. I attach a copy of Mr Crowe's minute to me and, in order to put the earlier paragraphs into perspective, I also attach a copy of Mr Carrick's letter of 13 October to him, which reveals some division of opinion among the Americans about the current developments in Iran. The talks in Washington were, of course, held under planners' rules and should not be quoted back to the Americans.

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To see Mr. Carrick's

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