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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Heydajollah Matin-Laftary, Grandson of Mossadeq
Martin F. Herz, Counselor of Embassy

Place : Caspian Hotel

Time : January 23, 1957

Subject : State of Health of Former Prime Minister Mossadeq

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I ran into Matin-Laftary by accident and asked him about the health of his grandfather. He said that while Mossadeq is indeed receiving cobalt treatments, people have jumped to the conclusion that he has cancer. Actually the condition in his upper jaw (or lower sinus) was termed "pre-cancerous" by the doctors. It was at the point where it might have become a cancer, but it is believed that the treatment will prevent this. Mossadeq is ambulatory and, aside from the general debilitation that comes from his age and perhaps also the effects of the treatment, is just about as vigorous and healthy as might be expected.

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