



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

June 20, 1974

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PLACE: Ceremonial Office
TIME: 3:37 p.m.
DATE: June 6, 1974

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting With Representatives
of the Imperial Iranian National Defense
University

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President
John O. Marsh, Jr.
Colonel Jack A. Walker

Maj. Gen. Mortaza Gharavi, Deputy Commandant
Col. Reza Parvaresh, Iranian Defense Attache
(List of additional attendees attached)

After being introduced to General Gharavi, senior representative of the party, the Vice President extended warm greetings, explained his delayed arrival and possible imminent departure were due to his duties as President of the Senate and legislative matters in progress. The Vice President continued his remarks making the following major points:

--- The U.S. partnership in defense of Western Europe is integral to U.S. defense philosophy.

--- U.S. support of CENTO and the strength of the U.S. /Iranian bilateral relationship remains strong. Stated his personal hope and conviction that the U.S. would not drift into a period of semi-isolationism similar to that experienced just prior to World War II.

--- Reviewed the importance of the President's Middle East trip, mentioning that he was encouraged by recent Middle East developments and viewed the situation as a beginning of a more stable relationship, hopefully leading to a permanent peace in the region.

--- The Vice President stressed that the U.S. and Iran must remain strong militarily and stated that the President and Shah see "eye-to-eye" on this and many other major international issues. The Vice President expanded on his philosophy of the requirement for strength stating that the future depends upon the strength of the present and that all negotiations must proceed from a position of strength.

--- The Vice President conveyed his esteem and that of the people of the U.S. for the progress being made in Iran under the direction of the Shah. He stressed growth in social, economic, education and military fields. The Vice President expressed his personal wish that the rest of the world follow the Iranian model.

At this point the Vice President extended an invitation to questions. General Gharavi responded by offering his warm appreciation and sincerest feelings of having been honored by the Vice President's appearance. He went on to say that he felt that his frequent travel in the U.S. has caused him to become "Americanized" and stressed his affection for this country. The Vice President continued his remarks commenting on the following points:

--- He reviewed his days as a member of the Appropriations and Foreign Assistance Committees, characterizing himself as a "strong, strong internationalist" and restated the need for military strength.

--- The Vice President congratulated the group on being professional military men, mentioning a recent U.S. poll which showed that in our society the military was held in high professional regard.

After a period of polite reluctance the first question was asked by the Iranian Defense Attache, Col. Parvaresh, and addressed the prospect for future problems in the Middle East. The Vice President responded by stating his belief that the Middle East is "on the road to solutions that had evaded the world's best minds for centuries" and contrasted the progress made from September of last year with dismal forecasts of that period. He further commented on the Palestinian problem and that of Jerusalem as being difficult but that "with good will and faith, all problems can be resolved."

The second and last question asked for an appraisal of Soviet Naval presence in the Indian Ocean. The Vice President responded by stating his belief that the U.S. should continue to work toward a Naval base at Diego Garcia so as to establish a visible U.S. presence in the Indian Ocean. He explained that the Soviets currently operate from three ports in the area and that the U.S. must clearly demonstrate interest and intent with at least one operational base.

The meeting was terminated, as forewarned by the Vice President, by the Senate buzzer calling for a floor vote. Following the departure of the Vice President, Col Walker explained the role of the Vice President as presiding officer of the Senate and vote which was in progress. He exchanged pleasantries and presented General Gharavi with a tie clasp on behalf of the Vice President.

Prepared by: Colonel Jack Walker
Approved by: John O. Marsh, Jr.

Imperial Iranian National Defense University visit by the
Vice President of the United States

6 June 1974

MGEN	Mortaza	G HARAVI	Deputy Commandant
COL	Kamal	MAHMOUDZADEH	Instructor
COL	Ahmad	NAJEEMI	Instructor
LTCOL	Anayatullah	DJAHANSHAHI	Instructor
MAJ	Yaqoob	SHAFAI	Instructor
COL	Javad	PARIZAD	Coordinating Officer
COL	Isfandiyar	ARYA	Student
COL	Kumerce	MEHRVARZ	Student
COL	Mohammad	G HASEMI	Student
COL	Reza	NADERASLI	Student
COL	Mahmoud	SARAJI	Student
COL	Ali	NADERASLI	Student
COL	Mohammad Taqi	SAGAFI	Student
COL	Mashaallah	ZARINFAR	Student
COL	Ali	SAYEDI	Student
COL	Hussein	IZADYAR	Student
COL	Asghar	MOJTAHEDZADEH	Student
LTCOL	Nasrutullah	FATHYAN	Student
LTCOL	Amir	EMRANI	Student
LTCOL	Reza	FARSHID	Student
LTCOL	Mohammad	SHAHNAM	Student
LTCOL	Jalil	MONAZAHIAN	Student
DR	Farhad	ESFANDIARY	Student
MR.	Mohsen	GHAEM-MAGHAMI	Student
DR	Hussein	TOTONCHI	Student
COL	Reza	PARVARESH	Iranian Defense Attache to the U.S.
LCDR	Thomas D.	BUCKLEY	U.S. Navy Escort Officer
LT	Richard	FORTUNATI	U.S. Navy Escort Officer



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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Visit with Members of the Imperial Iranian
National Defense University

The attached Fact Sheet and background information are provided for your review prior to your meeting with the members of the Imperial Iranian National Defense University.

You will be briefed on the sequence of events and given additional items of background information immediately prior to the meeting by Colonel Walker.


Jack Marsh

FACT SHEET

The following is for use by the Vice President in his meeting with the Imperial Iranian National Defense University on 6 June.

- Specifics on Tour Group

-- Subject tour is an annual event, which corresponds to US National War College overseas regional tours. Emphasis is on high level briefings. When US National War College visits Iran; the group has an audience with the Shah.

-- Group arrived from Canada on 3 June, where they spent five days, and will depart for New York on 7 June, thence home on 11 June.

-- Schedule in the United States follows:

- 4 June - Briefings by DOD personnel
- 5 June - Briefings by State in a. m., shopping in p. m.
- 6 June - Visit National War College in a. m., tour of NMCC in p. m. followed by meeting with Vice President.
- 7 June - Sightseeing in Washington, fly to New York
- 8 June - Visit UN, sightseeing
- 9 June - Sightseeing
- 10 June - Visit Grumman Plant, Bethpage, L. I.

-- Senior officer in group, Major General Gharavi (Deputy Commandant of University) speaks fluent English and has been in the U. S. many times (graduate of three U. S. military schools). However, some of the students' English language capability is marginal.

-- Roster of attendees is attached. Meeting should be on UNCLASSIFIED level. Group will be wearing civilian clothes, and has been provided with their own ground transportation.

- Background Information on Iran

-- U.S. - Iranian relations are close and cordial, particularly on the military side. Specifically, the U.S. has about 200 military personnel in the military advisory group in Iran, and another 600 military and civilian technical advisors in country. Further, Iran prefers to deal through the Department of Defense in contracting for military procurements in the U. S., reflecting confidence in the integrity of the DOD in such matters.

-- Iran has purchased close to five billion dollars worth of military equipment from the U. S., and it is anticipated that they will continue to rely on the U. S. as a major source of military equipment in the future. Among recent major purchases are 30 F-14 aircraft, two SPRUANCE (DD-963) class destroyers, and about 500 helicopters.

-- Iran has the fastest growing economy of any *COUNTRY OF SIGNIFICANT* size in the world today. (11% real annual growth over the past few years). While military purchases have received the most publicity, resources are being devoted to economic and social development programs at as fast a rate as the country can absorb.

-- The critical pacing factor in all Iranian development plans, both military and civilian, is the availability of trained and trainable manpower.

-- The Shah has stated that he intends to make Iran the major power in the region, and a GNP which will exceed that of France by 1985.

-- U. S. Persian Gulf policy is to rely upon cooperation between Iran and Saudi Arabia to ensure peace and stability in the Persian Gulf area. (It is important to refer to the Gulf as the "Persian Gulf" when discussing the subject with Iranians, since they are not Arabs.)

-- While Iran is an active member of the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) along with the U. S., they place far greater emphasis on their bilateral relationship with the U. S.

- Talking Points - You may wish to:

-- Mention the President's forthcoming visit to the Middle East and his hope to visit Iran, if you deem it prudent.

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1. MGEN	Mortaza	GHARAVI	Deputy Commander		S
2. COL	Kamal	MAHMOUDZADEH	Instructor	Inf	S
3. COL	Ahmad	NAJEEMI	Instructor	Inf	6
4. LTCOL	Anayatullah	DJAHANSHAHI	Instructor	Trans	5
5. MAJ	Yaqoob	SHAFAI	Instructor		4
6. COL	Javad	PARIZAD	Coord Officer	Inf	3
7. COL	Isfandiyar	ARYA	Student	Inf	S
8. COL	Kumerce	MEHRVARZ	Student	MP	9
9. COL	Mohammad	GHASEMI	Student	Inf	8
10. COL	Reza	NADERASLI	Student	Int	12
11. COL	Mahmoud	SARAJI	Student	Armor	23
12. COL	Ali	NADERASLI	Student	Int	10
13. COL	Mohammad Taqi	SAGAFI	Student	Sig	16
14. COL	Mashaallah	ZARINFAR	Student	MP	15
15. COL	Ali	SAYEDI	Student	Police	14
16. COL	Hussein	IZADYAR	Student	Inf	13
17. COL	Asghar	MOJTAHEDZADEH	Student	Sig	18
18. LTCOL	Nasrutullah	FATHYAN	Student	Inf	17
19. LTCOL	Amir	EMRANI	Student	Inf	21
20. LTCOL	Reza	FARSHID	Student	Int	22
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