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POLITICAL (CONFIDENTIAL).

Political week completely dominated by sudden turn of events in Iran and the arrival of Shah, his departure for and return from Rome enroute Tehran. Shah returned Baghdad on twenty first in KLM charter plane from Rome and left for Tehran today at 0815 AM flying his own plane with an escort of Iraq solitary planes. Events showed the Iraqis at their best. With no advance warning, no concrete information about situation in Iran they immediately extended all hospitality to Shah on his sudden arrival in Baghdad 16th. They established him in official guest house; converted his money; provided him and his party with clothing and personal necessities and two of his party with travel documents. They arranged for him to visit Karbala by car, protected by 200 armed policemen and 300 Secret Service men. They paid plane fares for royal party to Rome. Iranian govt was refused. On his return Shah was met by Crown Prince, high officials with impressive ceremonies royal bodyguard in attendance. He also was provided with military plane to take him to Karbala. Then turn of events in favor of the Shah and his return enroute to Tehran has caused considerable rejoicing in official circles. Shah accompanied by 20 Nationalists who were greatly impressed by Shah.

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Latter went out of way to facilitate their journey and personally guarantee visas to Iraq and Iran. According to correspondents Shah pleased at turn of events in Iran but much concerned with future political problems and reluctant to answer questions concerning policies and actions. Correspondents including seven Americans continued to Tehran by KIM charter plane twenty first. Shah refused on political grounds to pick up five British journalists at Rome. Prospects for a Nuri-Saleh Jabr impeachment still seem dim in light of recent discussions with Jabr. Apparently Jabr would be willing to cooperate with Nuri only on the basis that there be new and free elections. Jabr also believes that govt should give preference to emergency program to provide better housing, cheaper food and more employment for impoverished Iraqis rather than long-range plans of the development board. Although pro-Mossadik shouts were heard among the demonstrators, Mutasarrif of Baghdad states that July 21 demonstrations were prompted by Communist led riots in Kut Prison which took place recently. From another source Embassy hears Kut Prison riots were incited by 12 members of a Communist cell in the 1st Division of Iraq Army which had been uncovered and the members sent to Kut Prison.

PSYCHOLOGICAL (CONFIDENTIAL).

Baghdad non-Communist newspaper reports Soviet diplomats have delivered in person to Arab Foreign Ministries copies latest Malenkov speech, explaining at same time resumption relations with Israel means no weakening relation Arab States-USSR. Press reports Iraq contribution of 40,000 dollars to fund for world wide Arab League Propaganda Program estimated to total 25,000 dollars. Heavy emphasis on program in United States indicated by fact that Arab League is searching throughout Arab world for Journalist qualified to Staff Arab League Office in US. Statement from undetermined source appeared in local press datelined

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Washington quoting Martha Johns, Secretary United National African Movement calling on American Negroes to support "Liberation" of Africa, and release "Leaders of Nationalist Movements", including Kenyatta.

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ARMY (RESTRICTED).

Maj Gen Hussain Makki Khammas, Chief Gen Staff, and Maj Gen Abdul Muttalib Amin departed 20 Aug 53 to represent Iraq meeting Arab Chiefs of Staff in Cairo. Reserve officers training camp at Sakrine recessed 10 hours on 17 Aug 53.

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