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1. Would recommend that Admiral Raborn attempt to arrange for audience with His Majesty through Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi. Appointments with other Iranian officials can presumably be made if he arrives in Tehran, just as they are for countless other American businessmen who are offering the services of companies with records of "solidarity and superlative performance"
2. For your information only: Regret that it is not clear to me why Admiral Raborn presumes to burden you with request of this kind. Many months ago, I did some checking here at his request and ~~was~~<sup>could</sup> find no REPEAT no evidence that he ever had any arrangement "tentative" or otherwise to meet His Majesty, who was not even familiar with his name. E Systems representatives have been in my office here during the past year in the process of trying to sell <sup>g</sup> a postal distribution ~~system~~<sup>EQUIPMENT</sup> to the Ministry of Post and Telegraph. In short, the company knows its way to Iran.

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