Prime Minister sent for me this afternoon at 4:00 P.M. and gave me following letter for President. He will release it here tomorrow morning and I see no reason why Department should not release it at once. Text of message:

Honorable Harry S. Truman,
President of the United States of America,

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your friendly message of 4th July headed to me by His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States in Tehran just after the government of Iran had taken its decision with regard to the findings of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. I deem it my duty to thank you once again, Mr. President, for the care you have always taken in the welfare of this country.

As I mentioned in my previous letter the government and people of Iran recognize the government and the people of the United States as the staunch supporters of right and justice and appreciate therefore with complete sincerity, the interest you are taking in the solution of the economic difficulties of Iran in general and in the oil question in particular.

I am extremely glad to note your reference, Mr. President, to the sympathy and interest of the American Nation in the realization of Iran's national aspirations and the acceptance of the principle of nationalization of the oil Industry; for Iran has had and is having no aim other than the acceptance of this principle by virtue of the laws ratified by the two Houses of Parliament, and has always been ready, within the terms of these laws to take any measures for the removal of the present disputes; it is, therefore, a matter of great regret that, insomuch as Iran can judge, no proposal or suggestion have been made, up to the present, by the former oil company denoting their acceptance of the principle of nationalization of the oil Industry in accordance with the laws ratified by the Parliament — laws which the government is duty bound to put into force. In the contrary, in their note of 30th June, the representatives of the former oil company made proposals which were against the provisions of these laws and which resulted in the termination of the discussions.

By Your Order

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Provided, of course, that our indispensable national rights are respected in accordance with the laws concerning the nationalization of the oil industry, the government and the people of Iran are ready to enter into immediate discussions with the aim to remove all the disputes so that there may be no stoppage in the production and exploitation of oil — a situation which the government of Iran has always been anxious to avoid and which, as you have mentioned, Mr. President, is causing losses to all concerned.

With reference to your desire, Mr. President, to help our country I must state without hesitation that the Iranian nation and government fully appreciate this high intent in all sincerity and candor, more so when they find that you have chosen your readiness, Mr. President, to send to Tehran as your Special Representative Mr. Allen Harriman, one of the most distinguished American citizens, for consultations.

In the light of our knowledge of Mr. Harriman's personality and his vast experiences, and considering the fact that he will act as your representative, the Iranian government welcomes this gesture and hopes to take full advantage of consultations with a man of such high standing. In the meanwhile it would also give him the opportunity to become directly acquainted with our views and to obtain first-hand knowledge of our living conditions and requirements.

May I avail myself of this opportunity to offer you, Mr. President, the expressions of my best and most sincere regards.

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