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Now that we have got over the first obstacle I find that both Iranian and British Governments want me to stay on during their negotiations. Both groups feel that I can perhaps help smooth out impasses in negotiation. But beyond this, Iranians believe we can and will protect them from undue British pressure while British would like to get us more involved in Iranian crisis. Although I personally would like to come home soonest, I don't see any way that I can gracefully retire at this time. I ask that you authorize me to remain here as long as it appears useful. I intend to keep out of day-to-day negotiations if at all possible and perhaps visit neighboring countries such as Pakistan, India, Turkey as tourist for one or two-day trips unless you see objection.

GRADY

Note: NEA notified 8/1/51, 4:45 p.m., EES.