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August 20, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOPKINS, THE WHITE HOUSE

I am attaching for the President's files a copy of the telegram to Mr. Harriman which the President approved during his conference with the Secretary today.

R. M. McWilliams
Director, Executive Secretariat.

Attachment:

Copy of telegram to Mr. Harriman.
Ambassador Tehran

FOR HARRIS FROM PRESIDENT

I am deeply appreciative of the intensive and skilful efforts you have been making to prevent a collapse in the oil negotiations and want you to know that you have my wholehearted support. If you find it necessary to make a statement of the kind mentioned in your telegram 709 August 19, I will take the earliest possible occasion to say that such statement has my fullest approval.

I realize that the next few days are crucial and that tremendous difficulties confront you. Nevertheless I am encouraged to think that with your skilful guidance the British and Iranians may still be able to work out a mutually agreeable solution.

Acheson