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The following points were brought out at a conference of Kurds in Damascus on 12 November 1946, at which Hasan Hajjo Agha, Kurdish deputy from the Jazireh, Abd-al-Karim Munla Sadiq, member of Parliament from Ain Diwar, Abd-al-Karim's son, and others were present:

1. Hasan Agha is said to have asked if the United States could not do something for the Kurds, and to have stated that if the Kurds were left to themselves, they would move inevitably toward Russia.
2. All of the Kurds present at the conference proposed that Great Britain, with the support of the United States, should create an autonomous Kurdish state in Iraq, with allegiance to the Crown of Iraq and not to the government; in other words, something like the commonwealths of the British Empire.
3. The Kurds stated that travellers from Iran were bringing them news of events in that country, and were also providing them with copies of the Kurdish language newspaper Kurdistan, which is printed in the Arabic alphabet. They said that the editor of this paper is a man named Ibrahim Nadiri, said to have been a former student in the American University of Beirut. He was also described as being a leader in the education department established by Qazi Muhammad in Kurdistan.
4. The Kurds, in speaking of their cultural and educational program for Syria, referred to the fact that, according to information, Qazi Muhammad's government has opened 72 schools.
5. Referring to Qazi Muhammad's "independence," Hasan Hajjo is said to have remarked, "Of course, this new state is under Russian control; its independence vis-a-vis Russia is like that of Iraq to Great Britain."

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[Redacted] no student by that name has ever attended the University, the secondary or primary schools. It is suggested that Nadiri may have gone under a different name, or that he may have been a student at one of the American missionary schools.

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