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1. At a meeting of the Tudeh Youth organization held in mid-May 1951 at the home of Mrs. Sharmini (fnu), and attended by a group of well-dressed Iranians, the topic of discussion was America's weakness in the Korean War and its inability to wage war successfully despite its obvious desire to do so. 1 The spokesman for the group predicted an early ousting of United Nations troops from Korea by the Communists.
2. At a subsequent meeting of the Tudeh Youth held at the same place in late May 1951, informant and five other (unspecified) individuals discussed the following subjects:
 - a. Mossadeq's proposal for electoral reform. (The Tudeh Party opposes the plan to restrict voting to literate Iranians on the ground that the plan is undemocratic and unfairly restricts the size of constituencies.)
 - b. Mossadeq's antagonism toward the Tudeh Party. (The Party is skeptical about his alleged intention to legalize the Tudeh Party. It believes that the freeing of Tudeh prisoners is only a "grandstand play" to give the Iranian people the impression that he loves liberty and liberality and that, instead of being favorably disposed toward the Party, Mossadeq is secretly working for the British and is following specific British plans. According to the Tudeh, he is also responsible for the formation of the new anti-Tudeh workers' Party known as Zahmatkishan. 2
 - c. Mossadeq's efforts to control the forthcoming election. (The Tudeh Party believes that Mossadeq, with the assistance of the Zahmatkishan, will attempt to strengthen his basic power, thereby winning the election in spite of the free ballot to which he is committed. However, the Tudeh is of the opinion that Mossadeq will not be successful in maintaining his power after the election.)

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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Mrs. Sharmini is the mother of Engineer Sarvat Sharmini, who heads the Central Committee of the Tudeh Youth organization and with whom she works. Mrs. Sharmini, who is an Iranian, is said to be a French teacher; informant believes that she is of Russian origin.

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2. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The new Party recently formed by Mozaffar Baghai and allegedly supported by Mullah Kashani. This group is being formed for the purpose of exerting influence in behalf of the National Front during the forthcoming Majlis election.

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