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2. Cotton production is up, particularly around Meshed where a ginning press was recently bought. Increased production in this area is primarily due to the favorable prospects for improved transportation facilities. A railroad from Shahrud to Meshed is presently [May 1955] under construction under the auspices of the seven-year plan. In the past, farmers in the Meshed area only grew enough cotton for local production due to the poor transportation facilities.

3. Iran is importing a great deal more machinery than in past years, a considerable amount of it being of German [Federal Republic] manufacture. In this connection, Diesel engines of Deutz, MWM, and MAN manufacture are being used to power all of the ginning equipment we have sold to Iran. These Diesels are purchased from Germany [FR] at a cost of approximately US\$11 thousand as compared to US\$18 thousand for similar Diesels of US manufacture. I also noticed that most of the new electric motors come from Germany [FR] and are of AEG manufacture.

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