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Summary:

An Iranian journalist requests a personal interview with Stalin and lists questions on Soviet-Iranian relations that he hopes Stalin will answer.

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Moscow, 3 July 1946
to his Excellency
Generalissimo I. V. Stalin
the leader of the Communist Party and Chairman
of the USSR Council of Ministers

Having arrived in Moscow in the suite of Her Imperial Majesty Princess Ashraf Pahlavi I have the honor to ask your Excellency to be so kind as to receive me for an interview on the following questions:

1. Do you think it a normal path along which Iran-Soviet relations are developing right now and how do you assess their future development? What factors of a domestic Iranian and international nature might influence the further strengthening of Iranian-Soviet friendship?
2. Is the Soviet Government thinking of developing a plan of further expanding and strengthening trade relations with Iran and, if so, on what principles will this plan be based?
3. What help can the Soviet Government give to develop Iranian industry and carry out agrarian reform?
4. Before 1939 the majority of government leaders thought that peace could be ensured only by force of arms. Do you think this opinion is correct and what measures do you consider the best guarantee of peace at the present time?

If it won't be convenient to your Excellency by reason of exceptional busyness to receive the first Iranian journalist who has arrived in the capital of your country in the hope of accomplishing his long-held dream of a personal meeting with you then I allow myself to hope to get a written reply to my questions.

I deeply believe in your sympathy for Iran and therefore hope you will not refuse me the good fortune of getting a personal interview with you.

Publisher of the newspaper Nabard and
Director of the newspaper Iran-e Ma

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