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Letters from the Iranian Ambassador to the
President of the Security Council and to the
Secretary-General dated 20 May 1946

Iranian Embassy,

Washington D.C.

20 May 1946

Sir:

I have the honour to submit herewith the report of such information as is available on this date, 20 May, to the Government of Iran with respect to the matters brought by Iran to the attention of the Security Council.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

MUSSEIN ALA
Iranian Ambassador.

His Excellency, Mr. Trygve Lie,
Secretary-General of the United Nations,
Hunter College,
The Bronx, New York.

Iranian Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

20 May, 1946.

Sir,

In compliance with the resolutions of the Security Council of 4 April and 8 May 1946 and with reference to the report submitted on 6 May 1946 on behalf of the Government of Iran, I beg to state that there is not sufficient first hand information available to my Government as to the true state of affairs throughout Azerbaijan to make the complete report requested by the Security Council.

Such information as is available to me up to 5 o'clock this afternoon is to the effect that as a consequence of the interferences previously complained of, the Iranian Government is still being prevented from exercising any effective authority in the Province of Azerbaijan and that Soviet interference in the internal affairs of Iran has not ceased. It has, therefore, not been possible to make such investigation as is required to establish that all of the Soviet troops have been withdrawn from the whole of Iran and, in particular, to investigate reports that Soviet soldiers have been left in Azerbaijan in civilian clothes and that military equipment had been placed at the disposal of those who challenge the sovereignty and territorial integrity of my Country.

While a commission has been appointed and is now stated to be in the city of Tabriz to make inquiries about conditions throughout the Province of Azerbaijan, it is doubtful that an adequate investigation can be conducted or a satisfactory report made by the Government of Iran until this Government is in a position to exercise its full authority throughout the Province of Azerbaijan.

The deep concern of Iranians regarding the preservation of the independence and territorial integrity of Iran and the maintenance of international peace and security is a matter of common knowledge. The disputes which my Government had believed would end by reason of the assurances of the Soviet Union given to the Security Council cannot be said, in reality, to have been resolved in a manner consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. In the report of 6 May, 1946, I stated:-

"While it is hoped that arrangements can be made which will remove the unfortunate results of the interferences complained of, it is impossible to forecast at this time with certainty what the subsequent developments will be."

Unfortunately, the course of events since this statement was made has demonstrated that the threat to the integrity of Iran and to international peace has grown more serious.

I have not received from my Government authentic information with respect to the reported clashes between Iranian Troops and the military forces in Azerbaijan organized during the period of Soviet occupation. If the reports of armed conflict in this strategically critical area are true, obviously the danger to international peace and security is both serious and imminent.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HUSSEIN ALA
Iranian Ambassador.

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