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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

It will be recalled that during the Commission's fourth session a discussion took place at the eighty-eighth meeting (see the Summary Record of this meeting in document E/CN.7/SR.78-99) regarding the amount of opium to be produced in Iran during the year 1949. The Commission also referred to this matter in its report to the Economic and Social Council (E/1361; E/CN.7/196; Section 9 (a)).

During the above-mentioned discussion the Alternate Representative of Iran accepted a suggestion that he should obtain precise data on the subject from the appropriate Iranian authorities. On 3 April 1950 a communication was received from the Alternate Representative to the effect that the Iranian Ministry of Finance had informed him that "the total quantity of opium collected in AH/1328 solar year (21 March 1949 to 21 March 1950) was 196 tons. The decline in the crop was due to agricultural pests prevalent in the affected regions which were particularly harmful to the poppy",

