

Text of a message of understanding to the American People by

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PEOPLE OF AMERICA:

From the moment students entered the American Embassy in Tehran, a notorious center of political manipulation and espionage in the Middle East region*, Western news organizations have harped upon the Islamic Government of Iran as a regime which in blatant disregard of internationally-accepted norms of conduct, has occupied an embassy and taken as hostage functionaries with diplomatic immunity.

The crucial point these news organizations have failed to mention is that the United States Embassy in Iran has been in function, anything but an Embassy. Despite the removal of much embassy documents after the downfall of the puppet Shah, and despite the shredding of numerous incriminating documents, and erasing of computer memories during the recent siege of the compound, remaining documents and equipment made it clear no less than before that the Embassy of the United States was the real center of government in Iran during the deposed Shah's rule; the real Royal Court of the Imperial Kingdom.

It remains for you to ask your Government if it could tolerate a foreign power which made its Embassy in the United States the real center of power and political intrigue in the nation, claiming discrete yet exclusive jurisdiction over all decisions large or small made by its puppet dictator, while at the same time, carrying out extensive espionage operations within the nation and without.

Americans, it is time to cast aside the barriers of lies created by media and corporations who benefitted so much from the Shah's grandiose generosity, and ask yourselves how you would have reacted to a foreign enclave which for thirty five grueling years made it its business to regularly intervene as it wished in your nation's destiny. Would you look upon diplomats there as "regular employees"?** Would you allow them to carry on their devious deeds as before, as if nothing had taken place at all?

* The Embassy staff numbered 1000 before the revolution.

** The blatancy of this involvement is well illustrated by the fact that the last two United States ambassadors in Iran were both well-known CIA operatives, one being a former Director of the Agency (Richard Helms), the other, head of operations in Laos (William Sullivan). Furthermore, it is well known that CIA operative Kermit Roosevelt, carried out the 1953 coup d'e'-tat reinstalling the Shah into power, used as the base for his quite extensive operations, the basement of the Embassy compound in Tehran.