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Ministry of the Interior

Governorate General, Tenth Province

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Ministry of the Interior,

We enclose herewith a copy of report 172 of the Governorate of Faridan for your attention. We take your valuable time to convey that besides the matter that is mentioned by the Governorate, it is suspected that some of the officers of the Gendarmerie of the Tenth Province are Baha'is. Although I have no complaint about the behaviour of the commander of the Gendarmerie, and personally do not believe in the truth of that matter, the head of the Gendarmerie of Isfahan is also under suspicion. What is certain is that those Baha'is who are within the jurisdiction of the Gendarmerie were openly promoting [their faith] a few months ago, while there has not been any open promotion within the police jurisdiction. I believe this matter is important and worth investigating. In my opinion, a review should be conducted on the administrative structure of the Gendarmerie of Isfahan and its officers. Please order this matter to be acted upon and report the outcome.

Governorate General of the Tenth Province [Signature]

[Stamp:] Registered at the Confidential Office of the Ministry of the Interior, number: 10523, dated 12 Bahman 1329 [1 February 1951]

[Handwritten Note 1:] To be viewed by the minister, 12 Bahman 1329 [1 February 1951]

[Handwritten Note 2:] General Manager of Law Enforcement [division]: I have ordered several times, and am doing it again so that is not repeated in future, that according to the Constitution, the religion of Islam and the Ja'fari of Twelvers' [School] belief is the legitimate religion of Iran; and that, except for the other nations [other religions] who have their representatives in the Parliament, no other ideology can [or should], within the imperial country, manifest or express itself. The government departments do not have the right to mention such "unlawful names" in their correspondence and reports either. Whoever would act against the usual regulations, and the constitutional, normal rules, or against the usual procedures, the perpetrators should be prosecuted. For example, if it has to be said that a certain Gendarmerie officer or a particular person has done something wrong, the name of a faith or religion which has [not been recognised and will not be recognised, should not be mentioned]. In this regard, I have already mentioned [illegible] above and you should write to the Gendarmerie as follows: If the behaviour of these officers would cause disorder and confusion, it should be clearly mentioned, with proof, for prosecution or replacement and, in the end, the appropriate orders should be given to the Gendarmerie. Provide a detailed and necessary report to the National Gendarmerie Headquarters to review this same matter thoroughly, and if the conduct of these officers has become the cause of revolt or unrest in that area, order their replacement and issue clear orders that open promotion of the unofficial beliefs is not permitted.

[Signed: (Lieutenant General) Razmara?]