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TITLE OF CASE

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SADEGH GHOTBZADEH, aka
Sadegh Ghoortz Isfehiani,
Sadegh Ghotbzadeh-Isfehiani,
Sadegh Ghotbi Isfehiani,
S. Ghalzadeit

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The title has been changed to reflect the true name of the subject and the variations of names used by the subject, as furnished by [redacted] and as reflected in INS files, and to delete Persian-American Students Association, as this case is primarily concerned with the subject, and the Persian-American Students Association has been identified as the Iranian Students Association in the U.S.A.

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REFERENCES: Bulet dated 7/6/62, captioned "SADEGH GHOOTZ-
ISFEHANI: PERSIAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION,"

Report of SA WAYNE H. SHAW made at Los Angeles, 7/25/62, captioned [redacted] aka,

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The Bureau's attention is invited to Bufile [redacted] entitled [redacted] COTBZADEH-ISFEHANI, [redacted] to the case entitled "SADEGH GHOTBZADEH, [redacted] and to Bufile [redacted] entitled "IRANIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IN THE U.S.A.," which files pertain to the activities of the subject and the Iranian Students Association in the U.S.A.

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The interview of the subject mentioned on Page 7 of this report was conducted with Bureau authority in the case entitled "VISIT OF THE SHAH OF IRAN TO THE UNITED STATES IN APRIL, 1962, [redacted]" Bufile 64-32944.

The files of the following agencies were caused to be searched, as indicated, and no record identifiable with the subject could be located.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
Secret Service	9/11/62	SA [redacted]
U.S.Park Police	9/7/62	IC [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

[redacted]

WF T-2 is [redacted] by request

WF T-3 is [redacted] who requested her identity not be disclosed.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will report the results of the review of the files of the Security and Visa Offices, USDS, [] and the National Bank of Washington, when obtained.

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2. Will follow and report any further action taken by INS in this case.

3. Will, upon completion of investigation, request Bureau authority to interview the subject.

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No lead is being set forth to reinterview [] [] inasmuch as when she was questioned about the subject in connection with his activities, as reflected in referenced report of SA [] she appeared hostile to answering questions about the subject. In view of her lack of cooperation, it does not appear that a reinterview would be productive.

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Report of: [redacted]

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Synopsis: The title of this case was previously carried as "SADEGH GHOTZ-
ISFEHANI: Persian-American Students Association." [redacted]

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[redacted] is affiliated with the Iranian Students Association, and allegedly a member of the National Front of Iran. Captioned subject born 2/24/36, at Teheran, Iran. Entered U. S. on 3/9/59, as a visitor and changed status to that of a student on 6/7/60. Subject resides 1566 33rd Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and attends Georgetown University. Subject participated in student demonstrations against the Embassy of Iran, Washington, D. C., and against the Shah of Iran during the Shah's visit to Washington, D. C., in April, 1962.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This investigation is based upon information furnished by [redacted] regarding the activities of the subject in connection with his association with the Persian-American Students Association.

On September 6, 1962, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] that he was an [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the subject's true name is SADEGH GHOTBZADEH and that the subject uses many variations in spelling his name in order

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to disguise his activities and that the surname, ISFEHANI, is used to indicate that his family originally came from Isfehan, Iran. [redacted] said that the organization with which the subject is affiliated is not the Persian-American Students Association but the Iranian Students Association (ISA). [redacted] also stated that the subject reportedly is a member of the National Front of Iran and not the Popular Front of Iran.

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Washington 25, D. C.

October 18, 1962

Title SADEGH GHOTBZADEH

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Reference Report of SA
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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[WF T-3] contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability.

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[redacted] stated that one [redacted] was a close friend of the subject and frequently visited the subject. [redacted] recalled attending an Iranian wedding in the Fall of 1960 at the Islamic Mosque in Washington, which was also attended by [redacted]. During the ceremony which followed [redacted] wore a beret which he claimed was given to him by ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA, Minister of Industry and Finance of Cuba. In view of this, [redacted] stated that it was his opinion that the unknown man furnishing funds to the subject might be a communist. He stated that he had no proof of this but that the probability does exist.

[redacted] concluded by stating that S. GHALZADEIT is identical with the subject and that the subject was living at 1566 33rd Street, N.W., during May of 1962.

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WF T-1 advised on March 28, 1962, that the National Front of Iran is a loosely organized political party in Iran which is nationalistically oriented and opposed to the present Iranian regime. (S-1)(S)

[redacted] District of Columbia General Hospital, advised SAs [redacted] on April 30, 1962, that the subject was among a group of approximately 50 Iranian students who picketed the Shah of Iran on his arrival in the United States on April 11, 1962. [redacted] feels that the subject is pro-communist because of the subject's close friendship with [redacted] and that the subject is among the more important members of the Washington, D. C., chapter of the ISA.

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(U) On September 19, 1962, WF T-2 advised that he knows the subject as SADEGH GHOTBZADEH, an Iranian student attending Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. The source stated that he is not aware of any information which

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would indicate that the subject has been engaged in any communist activities while in the United States. He stated further that the only information concerning the subject's communist activities was a rumor prevalent in Iranian circles in Washington that the subject reportedly had participated in some communist demonstrations in Iran in approximately 1950 to 1951, and that the subject's picture had reportedly appeared in some Iranian newspaper showing the subject speaking at some communist demonstration at that time. The source stated that it was at the time that the communists in Iran were sympathetic to the [redacted] government which was in power at that time in Iran, and that the subject is a supporter of [redacted]. The source stated that he could not furnish any additional information concerning the subject's activities, nor was he able to recall from whom in Iranian circles he had heard the above information.

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Washington, D. C., was interviewed on June 7, 1962, by SA [redacted] at his apartment. He advised that he has known the subject for several years since both of them were from Iran and both were attending Georgetown University. He stated that the subject is very active in the ISA and is outspoken in his criticism of the Shah of Iran. [redacted] stated that the ISA has in the past distributed circulars criticizing the Shah of Iran and that when the Shah arrived in Washington in April, 1962, the ISA picketed the airport, at which time they handed out a one-page leaflet criticizing the Shah. He stated that the subject was in this picket line and helped to hand out these leaflets. He stated further that the subject has only a part-time job at Georgetown University, mending sound tapes.

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The July 9, 1961, issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" described the subject as Secretary of the ISA in the United States of America.

On March 21, 1961, Officer [redacted] Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that the subject was one of the five students arrested for disorderly conduct at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on March 20, 1961. The files of the MPD, which were reviewed on September 7, 1962, revealed that one SADEGH GHOTBI ISFEHANI was arrested on March 20, 1961, for disorderly conduct and was released upon payment of \$10 bond.

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald", on March 22, 1961, carried an article indicating the subject, at an Iranian New Years party, held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on March 20, 1961, caused a disturbance by shouting "Down with the Iranian government. There is no freedom in Iran." The article stated that the subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and freed after posting \$10 bond.

The July 11, 1961, issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" in an article entitled "Iranians Jailed, Freed in Row Over Passports", stated that 12 anti-Shah Iranian students were arrested for staging a sit-in hunger strike at the Iranian Embassy and then released after charges were dropped with a warning from the United States Attorney that the students were visitors in the United States and should behave as such or risk losing their visas. The article stated that the students, led by SADEGH GHOTBZANED and [redacted] called at the Embassy to discuss passport matters and refused to leave until they were arrested by the police. The same newspaper, on July 12, 1961, in an article captioned "Students Call Truce With Iran Envoy", stated that the students, the

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[redacted] and President respectively of the ISA, had called a 15-day truce in their passport battle. The students stated the battle would be resumed if their passports were not renewed. The article quoted Iranian Ambassador ARDESHIR ZAHEDI as saying that the passports would not be renewed due to the subject's and [redacted] low grades.

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The above newspaper, on December 8, 1961, carried a picture of Iranian students which the caption related were protesting at the Iranian Embassy on the previous day to demand renewal of the passports for two students in the group and to deliver a list of political demands. The caption further related that an Embassy spokesman said that the two students, the subject and [redacted] face treason charges if they return home.

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On March 23, 1962, WF T-2 advised that on March 22, 1962, he heard that [redacted]

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On April 3, 1962, WF T-3 advised that he did not recall stating that [redacted]

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He stated that the subject was quite a talker but was not the type to resort to physical violence. He advised further that when he told others about this statement of the subject, he treated it as a big joke and thought that everyone would receive it as a joke and not take it seriously. (X)

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SADEGH GHOTBZADEH was interviewed by SAs CHARLES E. LENNON and [redacted], on April 10, 1962. He advised that he is one of the collective leaders of the ISA in the United States. He advised that he, and other leaders of the ISA, were in New York over the past week end to map the strategy of ISA regarding their protests and to determine what was the best means of getting this across to the Shah and the American people. They will picket and also will make press releases regarding their protests. He advised

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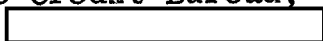
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that no definite plan has been made regarding picketing but they will definitely picket the White House if any picketing is done. There will be no picketing if their demands are met by the Shah of Iran. These demands are: (1) to release all students and professors of Tehran University who are now in prison; (2) reopen Tehran University, and; (3) to reissue passports to Iranian students in the United States which the Embassy has refused in the past.

GHOTBZADEH advised that he has never to his knowledge made a statement that he will assassinate the Shah of Iran while he is visiting in the United States. He stated that he could say almost positively that he never made the statement that he would assassinate the Shah of Iran anywhere or at anytime. He stated that he never had made such a statement even in jest. GHOTBZADEH advised that it is against his principles to accomplish the change in the government of Iran by the use of force. He stated that the ISA also is opposed to using force to bring about reforms in the Iranian government. He advised that he has no personal hatred for the Shah of Iran but he dislikes the things that the Shah does or permits to be done in his name. He stated that this includes the spending of money granted to the government of Iran by the United States and that realized through the sale of oil. This money should be used to improve the living conditions of the masses in Iran.

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Mr. GHOTBZADEH advised that they intend to do nothing which is illegal and the picketing, as far as ISA is concerned, will be peaceful. He stated that the "500 foot ordinance," which prohibits picketing within 500 feet of Embassies or of the Blair House when occupied by visiting dignitaries is unfair. If the police department places the picketers in a completely ineffective place such as on the opposite side of Lafayette Park from the White House their, ISA's, attorneys will take the necessary legal action.

The files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, which were reviewed by IC  revealed a report dated June 22, 1961, for one S. GHOTB-ISFEHANI, born in 1936, and residing at 2511 Q Street, N.W. He was described as President of the Islamic Society of

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Persian Students, United States of America. His father is in the import-export business and contributes to the subject's education. His bank was listed as the National Bank of Washington.

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[redacted] advised that in the early part of 1960, he contacted the Office of Student Housing at Georgetown University in order to list for rental purposes an apartment in his house at 3203 R Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., and as a result of this, the subject first came to his house to rent the apartment in February, 1960. The subject paid his rent by check and signed checks as SADEGH ISFEHANI.

[redacted] related that the subject engaged in conversations with him [redacted] during which the subject made statements hostile to the Shah and the government of Iran, and that during one of these conversations, the subject mentioned that his source of income was a man, not further identified. [redacted] stated that the subject partook most of his meals with [redacted] free of charge until [redacted] objected. The subject lived at this address until June, 1960, when [redacted] believes he went to California. [redacted] advised that he [redacted]

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[redacted] and the subject then moved to that address in April, 1962. [redacted] stated that from information received from [redacted] the subject was not paying for his board and room.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] is very sympathetic to Iranian students and is a "soft touch" in this respect, having furnished assistance to other Iranian students. [redacted] interest in Iranian students evolved as a result of their acquaintance with the subject, who introduced them to other Iranian students. [redacted] had no interest in Iran or Iranian affairs prior to her meeting the subject.

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[redacted] is sympathetic to the Iranian students and is willing to contribute to their financial support, he does not believe that she would knowingly allow herself to be used as an intermediary to transmit funds from an unknown source to the Iranian students.

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