

Phoenix...

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Dear Donald Lennon,

Thank you for your letter of December 17 and previously, and for your support and understanding of us old sailors.

My experiences were Navy but also of dire intrigue as my contributions will attest. It happens to be that I was in the midst of affairs that have affected the course of history and will continue.

I want to make one last comment: The involvement of the U.S.A. in Iran and the Middle East was counterproductive to be generous, and I do not speak in retrospect.

I want to put it on the record for future scholars if they care. In our hierarchy was a predominant group of decision makers who felt that Iran should not be in our sphere of influence but should be in the sphere of influence of Russia. Currently we say Communism is dead which is true, but Great Russia's constant objective has always been and continues to be assimilation of Iran to the shores of the Persian Gulf.

I was in Iran as U.S. Naval Attaché from 1950 through the Mossadegh era. In the files of Naval Intelligence and of the C.I.A. are notes that I and a group of Iranians first plotted to sustain the Shah and overthrow Mossadegh. I wrote a report assailing our official position IN FAVOR OF MOSSADEGH AND FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE SHAH. This is a matter of record. With the help of some patriotic Iranians especially Ardeshir Zahedi we won a stable pro-American Iran for almost 30 years.

I returned to Iran as my previous contributions note and found that our policy makers had once again prevailed and were in the final phases of a well organized plot to overthrow the Shah in favor of Russia. Since then the Russian connection has been officially cut off, but the damage done is surely evident.

It was not "politically correct" to be of the mind set that I represented, and careers could be broken in Washington if support was given to my representations.

I was not alone, however....and so I have enclosed an astonishing article of official American perfidy in the highest places. The article is totally true except that it does not go far enough to describe the source and purpose of the orders received by our officials in the field.

We have been left with a festering disaster in Iran, 40,000,000 strong with a 1000 mile border to the North...obviously

President Bush concluded that Saddam Hossein as a bulwark against Iranian expansion was a choice to be made in our near term interests, Consider what would be the situation were Communism still to be a threat!!!

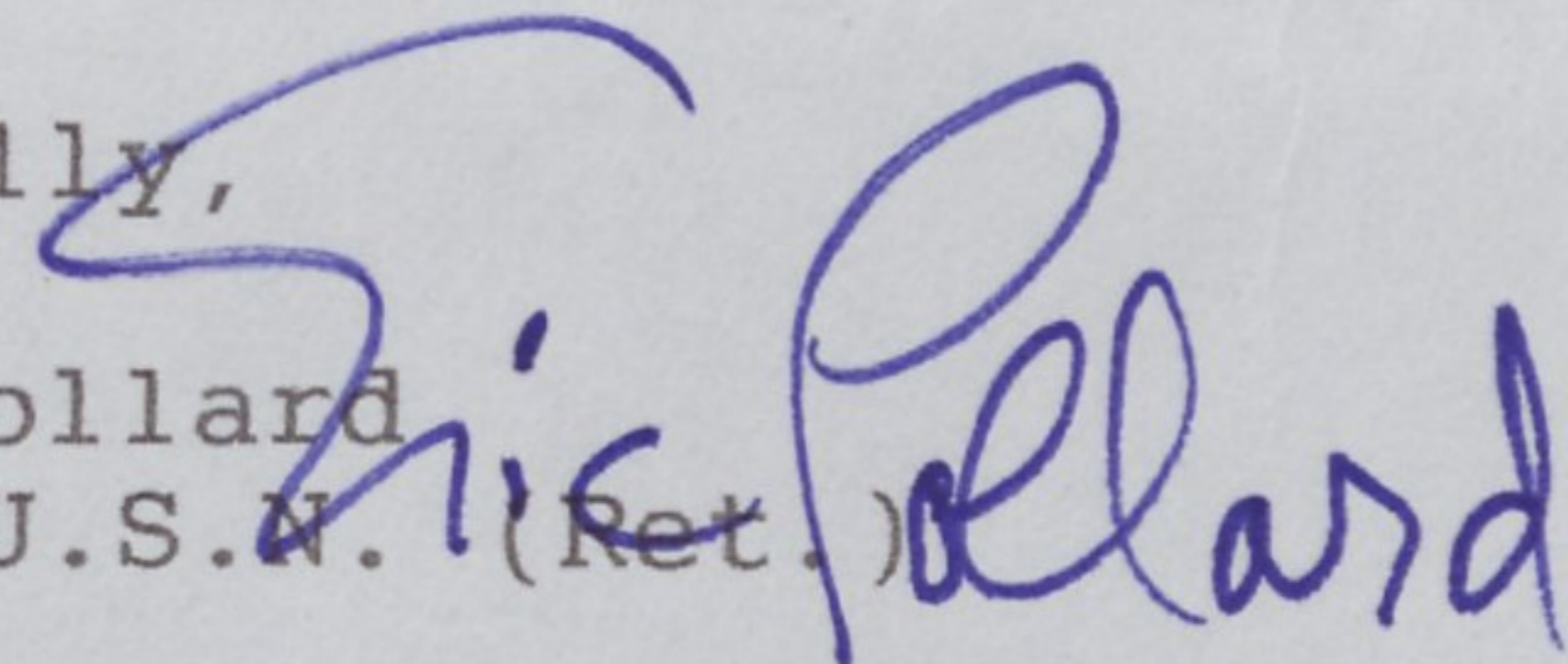
And consider what the situation would be were a stable Iran to have continued as our stalwart friend in this area,

I would like this comment to be displayed with my other papers, please.

As time goes by this will all become less and less important and I really could have occupied myself otherwise to my own benefit to say the least.

Respectfully,

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