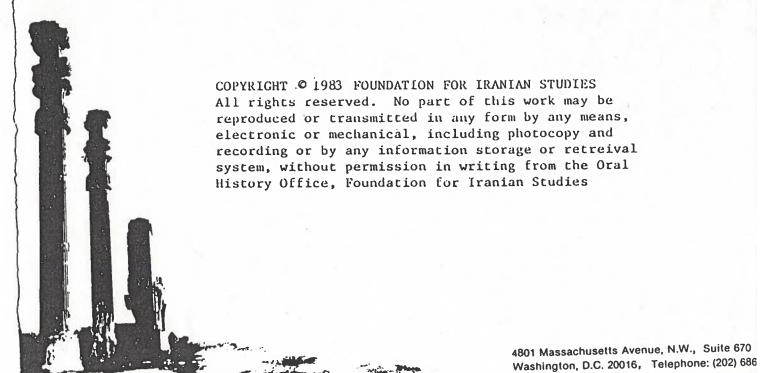
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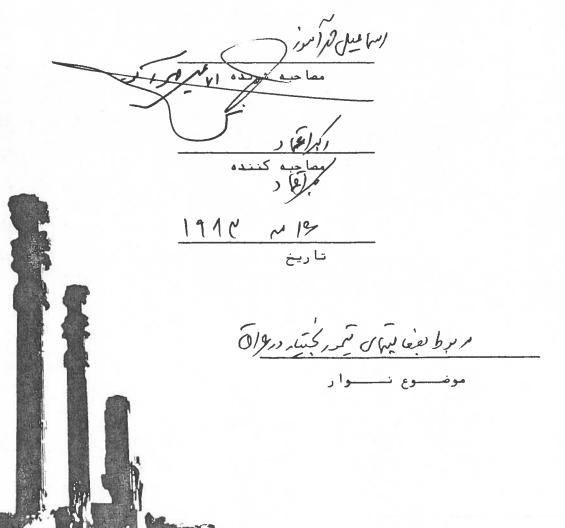
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#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ismail Mehramouz was born in Tehran. He joined the army in 1949 and in 1952 he became an officer. After a term as military prosecutor in Abadan, he returned to Tehran and completed a special training course at the Military College. He was then transferred to the G.2. Section. At this time he became involved with counter intelligence activities related to Soviet intelligence programs in Iran.

Mr. Mehramouz was involved in a number of counter intelligence operations, among which those related to Teymour Bakhtiar's attempts to initiate a coup e'etat in Iran and the infiltration of Soviet intelligence operatives among groups of Iranian citizens returning to the country in 1957 are of special interest.

Mr. Mehramouz recollections shed light on a number of counter-intelligence operations of interest to historians. Many of these operations were classified and confidential in nature during the previous regime and the information concerning them is effectively out of reach in the Islamic government. Therefore, this memoir remains a unique source of information on such matters as the relationship between Teymour Bakhtiar and Khomeini and Sadam Hossein and certain other incidents which he divulges.

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