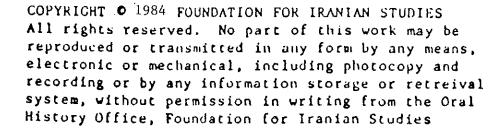
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Abbas Ghaffari was born in Rasht, Iran, in 1924. His father was a military man who at one point served as the Chief of the National Police Force. His mother was a member of the well-known Entezam Family. Mr. Ghaffari received his highschool education in Iran and completed his university education in the U.S., where he received a Masters' degree at the State University of Utah. He returned to Iran in 1953, but after two years returned to America. He settled in California and worked for an American firm with interests in oil. Eventually he moved on to become the head of NIOC's office in New York. In that capacity, Ghaffari acted to promote NIOC operations in the U.S. through contracts with American companies, and managed NIOC's scholarship and recruitment programs contributing to the company's Iranianization policy. He served at NIOC in New York until 1980 when he retired.

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