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### PREFACE

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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Homa Ruhi served as a high ranking civil servant in Iran in the 1970s. She served as the Vice-Minister of Industries and Mines in the Bakhtiyar government. She was also active in women's rights movements, and served as the Executive Director of the Women's Organization of Iran. Her interview contends for the main, by her choice, with her experiences with the Revolution 1978-79. She sheds much light on the effect of the Revolution on the various government bodies.

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