## Foundation for Iranian Studies Program of Oral History

JALINUS, MESBAH

INTERVIEWEE: MESBAH JALINUS

INTERVIEWER: SEYYED VALI REZA NASR

WASHINGTON D.C. July ,5&18,1989

COPYRIGHT @ 1989 FOUNDATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES All rights reserved. No part of this work may be reproduced or transmitted in any form by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy and recording or by any information storage or retreival system, without permission in writing from the Oral History Office of Foundation for Iranian Studies.

## PREFACE

This manuscript is the product of a series of tape recorded interviews conducted for the Oral History of Iran Program of Foundation for Iranian Studies by Seyyed Vali Reza Nasr with Mesbah Jalinus in Washington D.C. in july 5th &18th 1989.

Readers of this Oral History memoir should bear in mind that it is a transcript of the spoken word, and the interviewer, narrator and editor sought to preserve the informal, conversational style that is inherent in such historical sources. Foundation for Iranian Studies is not responsibel for the factual accuracy of the memoir, nor for the views expressed therein.

The manuscript may be read, qoated from cited only by serious reseach scholars accredited for purposes of reseach by Foundation for Iranian Studies; and further, this memoir must be read in such place as is made available for purposes of reseach by Foundation for Iranian Studies No reproduction of the memoir either in whole or in part may be made by microphoto, typewriter, photostat, or any other device.

این جانب متن ونوار مصاحبه های انجام شده در ارتباط بابرنا مه
" تاریخ شفاهی ایران " را به بنیا دمطالعات ایران هدیه میکنیم
تا در اجرای برنامه های آموزشی و تحقیقاتی بنیا دمورداستفیاده
قرار گیلیلرد.

ملاحظات:

4343 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 200 Bethesda, Md. 20814, Telephone: (301) 657-1990

## Biographical Note

Mesbah Jalinus was born in Tehran. His education began in Iran and after completion of two years of training in the Technical College at Tehran University he attended a French Technical College in Beirut. Later he movedato France and subsequently to London, where he graduated as Chartered Technical Engineer.

After gaining working experience in France, he returned to Iran. He began his career in the National Iranian Oil Company (N.I.O.C.) but soon moved to the Electrical Industry, where he became the Executive Director of the Iran Electricity Organization.

His reminicences shed light on the development of the Electricity Industry in Iran.

In later years Jalinus returned to N.I.O.C., where he served as a member of the Board of Governers.

SUBJECT PAGE

Family and educational background; Friendship with Amir CAbbas Hoveyda's family; Return to Iran and appointment to N.I.O.C.; Transfer to Iran Electricity Organization; A short history of electrical services in Iran.

On Karaj Electricity; On the Shah's interest in the electricity industry; Problem within Electricity Organization; Formation of regional electricity; Providing electricity to villages and its problems; On water and gas units and atomic plants.

8 - 17

The 1976-1977 electricity shortages; Independent sources of electricity in industrial centers; Relation with Planning Organization and World Bank; On the SAVAK.

18 - 26

Construction of gas turbines in Iran; On the ranking of electricity organization's employees; Acquaintance with Hasan Ali Mansur and Jafar Sharif Emami and senator Farrokh; On Farrokhru Parsa and Literacy Campaign.

27 - 38

Relation with Ministry of Labor; Worker's compensation benefits and its problems; Private sector's attraction for government employees; Assassination of General Teymur Bakhtiar; General Karim Ayadi, Amir CAbbas Hoveyda, and Mansur Ruhani; Investigation of Imperial Commission.

Return to the Oil Company and Dr. Eqbal; Technical contacts of Shah; Shah's relatives' role in acquisition deals with forign companies; Relation with other contries in the third world.

49-57

Internal conflicts within the Oil Company; Dr. Eqbal policies with regard to these issues; Comparison between N.I.O.C. and the Electricity Organization; On CAbdorreza Ansari's appointment to N.I.O.C. Personal sacrifices of N.I.O.C.'s workers; On Ansari's term of office.

Name

## Page

<del></del>	
Ajudani, General Ahmad,	7
Alam, Amir Asadollah,	24,52
Amini, <sup>C</sup> Ali	2
Amirazodi,	31
Amuzegar, Jamshid,	62
Ansari, Abdorreza,	35,65
ARAMCO,	46
Aryamehr, University of Technology,	10
Asfia, Safi,	46
Ayadi, General Karim,	45,52
Bakhtiar, Aga Khan,	58
Bakhtiar, Teymur,	42
Central Inteligence Agency,	43,44
Diba, Majid,	58,60,65,69
E.B.F Electricite de France	9
Ebtehaj, Abolhasan,	46
Entezam,	65
Eqbal, Manuchehr,	17,45-49,54-61,64-71
Fallah, Reza,	58,61
Fardust, General Hasan,	48
Farrokh,	32–3
Fateh, Mostafa,	61
General Electeric Corp.	11,27-8,49-51,55,56
General Motors,	23
Aminozzarb, Haj,	4
Hoveyda, Amir <sup>C</sup> Abbas,	1,44-47
Iravani,	41
Islamic Republic of Iran,	15
Kiyanpur, Gholam-Reza,	48
Labor, Ministry of,	39
Lakestani, Teymur,	10,47-8
Mahdavi,	30
Mansur, Hasan-CAli,	32
Mina, Parviz,	65,66
Matindaftari, Ahmad- <sup>C</sup> Ali	33
Mo <sup>c</sup> inian, Nosratollah,	48
MOssadeq,Mohammad	68
Mostafavi, Baqer,	67
Nabavi,	35
Napoleon Bonapart,	4

Name	Page
National Electric Company	2,12-19,22-39
National Iranian Oil Company, (N.I.O.C)	2
Ontario-Hydro,	24-25
Pahlavi, Gholam Reza	9
Pahlavi, Mohammad Reza Shah,	4,7,8-13,22-25,45-69
Pahlavi, Queen Mother,	8
Pahlavi, Reza Shah,	4-6
Parsa, Farrokhru,	36
Qajar, Ahmad Shah,	4
Qajar, Naseroddin Shah,	4.5
Qavami,	70
Rowhani, Mansur,	3,40-45
Sajjadi,	10
SAVAK,	26,42
Shkoda,	5,6,8,9
Sheybani,	13
Simens,	6,21,23,51
Tehran, University of,	11
Tehran, Polytechnic Institute,	11
Westinghouse,	50,56
Yamin-Afshar,	2,5