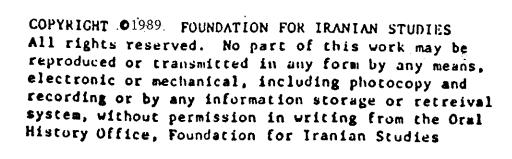
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PREFACE

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ملاحظات:

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ms. Pari Abasalti-Mirhashem was born in Tehran. She completed her education in Iran, and received her Bachelor's degree from Tehran University in Psychology and Education. While still a student, Ms. Abasalti-Mirhashem became interested in journalism and women's affairs. She joined the staff of the then newly formed Ettela^cat-e Banovan Magazine in 1957. For many years she worked as a well-respected writer and editor for that magazine, and became a respected spokeswoman for women's rights in Iran. In 1975-76 Ms. Abasalti-Mirhashem participated in the elections for Majles, and was elected from Tehran on the Rastakhiz Party platform. Following the Iranian Revolution of 1978-79 Ms. Abasalti-Mirhashem migrated to Los Angeles, where she and her husband have edited and published the Rah-e Zendegi Magazine.

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