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PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Prince Gholam Reza Pahlavi is a younger half-brother of Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi. During his brother's reign he was active in the Iranian military in an honorary capacity, and was also a supervisor of Iran's sport's organizations. His recollections cover the length of the Pahlavi monarchy. They draw a sketch of Reza Shah's private life, and life in exile. The Prince's renditions also provide glimpses of various events during his brother's monarchy.

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