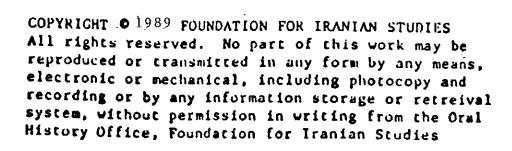
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PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Taqi Mosaddeqi was born in Malayer, Iran. He received his early education in Iran and attended Tehran University, where he received his degree in engineering. Upon the completion of his studies, Mr. Mosaddeqi joined the staff of the British run oil industry in Iran. Following the formation of the National Iranian Oil Company, Mr. Mosaddeqi joined this organization, where he rose in the ranks to become a member of the Board of Directors, and the Director of the NIOC's Gas Company. Upon the expansion of Iran's natural gas industry, Mr. Mosaddeqi became the Director-General of the National Iranian Gas Company, a post which he held until the advent of the Revolution of 1978-79.

Mr. Mosaddeqi's memoirs are highly instructive regarding the history of the oil and natural gas industries in Iran, and the pattern and vicissitudes of economic development planning in Iran.

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The formation and development of National Iranian Gas 13-20 Company; the construction of the natural gas pipeline; negotiations with Soviet Union regarding the sale of natural gas; problems of distribution of natural gas inside Iran.

The impact of the natural gas industry on industrial 20-25 development in Iran; the influnce of the National Iranian Gas Company on rural development in Iran; reflections on the economic development policies of Iran.

Relations between the National Iranian Gas Company 26-28 and other government organizations; the role of the Shah in economic planning; reflections on the operations of the Plan and Budget Organization.

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