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London’s S43 naturally causes deep concern insofar as it affects possibility of taking advantage of favorable
Iran proposal which you have worked so hard to achieve.

From discussions with BRIT EMB here we gather the principal
BRIT concern is with actual physical interference by
Makki and other IRAN ENPS with such oil operations as are
still in progress. Even with best of BRIT intentions,
this interference may result in further curtailment and
loss of morale of BRIT personnel. This could lead to
breakdown even before BRIT ENPS CLD reach Iran or before
tangible results CLD be achieved.

BRIT has had in mind as last resort appeal from OSS
to Attlee in support of your objectives. However, before taking
this step, we shall await your present evaluation of situation, and
UR recommendations as to desirability and basis of appeal.
We shall also await your views whether as much further can be
done to obtain performance on part of IRANS to stop physical
additional interference without demanding formal concessions which WLD

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probably not be possible under existing circumstances. WLD it
be possible, for example, to obtain recall of Makki as suggested
by Shepherd. strongly

DEPT stressed/to Entezam importance of stopping interference
as we reported yesterday. He indicated he WLD support this
position with his GOVT.

We are relying fully on you to call the plays and shall await
UR recommendations as to next step to be taken.

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