Personal for President from Harriman.

I am most grateful for your message of August 20. I wrote Mosadegh yesterday evening and released letter to press after notifying him I would do so. You have perhaps already seen it. My purpose was to be firm but friendly, bearing in mind Iran's public opinion and our future position here, also our relations with British and effect on other countries—particularly oil producing countries. Iran has read into Stokes' eight point proposals so many concepts which were either not (rpt not) or only partially intended that it is hard to mistake for me publicly to endorse them except indirectly as I have attempted to do in letter by stating my own views. I am afraid Brit-Iran negotiations will break down due principally to Mosadegh's intransigence and utterly unrealistic concepts. On the other hand Stokes has not (rpt not) been as skilful as he might have been. I hope, however, that it can be resolved in some way to leave door open for reopening negotiations on basis of so-called Harriman formula on which Brit came here and which all agree is sound basis for negotiations, providing of course Iran will negotiate in reasonable manner.

Mosadegh is calling on Stokes and myself this evening and there is still long chance discussions will be continued.

Grady