

Council on May 19." (Ibid., S/S-NSC (Miscellaneous) Files: Lot 66 D 95, Records of Action by the National Security Council)

After the meeting, Rusk sent a note to Talbot that reads: "At the NSC Meeting today the President expressed his concern, which we all share, about the potentially dangerous situation in Iran. He wondered whether we should not pull together a crisis-type task force to concentrate heavily upon it." (Ibid., NFA/GTI Files: Lot 66 D 173, Task Force on Iran)

On May 6, the Embassy in Tehran reported that the Shah had appointed former Iranian Ambassador to the United States and a critic of his regime, Dr. Ali Amini, as Prime Minister and that Amini had reportedly demanded that the Shah accept the following conditions: 1) Amini's right to name all Cabinet ministers except the Minister of War and possibly the Minister of Interior; 2) the dissolution of the Majlis; and 3) the establishment of a special court to handle corruption cases. (Telegram 1366 from Tehran; *ibid.*, Central Files, 788.13/5-661)

On May 8, the Iran Task Force held its first meeting. Talbot served as Chairman with Ambassador Holmes as Deputy. State representatives included: Miner, Bowling, Miklos, Evan Wilson, Hilsman, Elwood, Springsteen, Baxter, Kerr, and Murnighan. William Bundy represented the Defense Department's International Security Affairs Office. Other members were: Maurice Williams from the International Cooperation Administration; Kenneth Hansen, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget; William King from the U.S. Information Agency; John Leddy from the Treasury; and Robert Komer of the National Security Council Staff. Names of the Central Intelligence Agency representatives are not included in Department of State files. The two main collections of documentation on the Iran Task Force in Department of State files are the collection kept by the Executive Secretariat in S/S-NSC Files: Lot 70 D 265, NSC—Position Paper, Iran—1961-1964, and those kept by the Iran Desk in NFA/GTI Files: Lot 66 D 173, Task Force on Iran.

According to the record of the Secretary's staff meeting for May 8, Talbot reported that "the new Task Force on Iran, scheduled to produce a report for the NSC by next week, will hold its first meeting today. He said the new government in Iran is expected to be a stabilizing force and that the Task Force will concentrate on medium-range objectives rather than immediate crises." (Ibid., Secretary's Staff Meetings: Lot 66 D 147)

On May 9, the Embassy in Tehran reported that Amini had presented his new Cabinet to the Shah, the Shah had dissolved the Majlis and Senate, and Amini had banned most public meetings and demonstrations and met with teachers to discuss grievances. (Telegrams 1372 and 1374 from Tehran; *ibid.*, Central Files, 788.00/5-961)