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Dear Colleague,

I am very pleased to bring to your attention a new book by award-winning journalist and *New York Times* reporter Stephen Kinzer, **All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror**. First published in 2003, this 2008 updated version includes a new preface on the policy choices of confronting Iran.

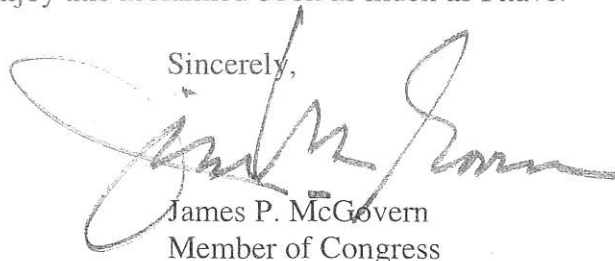
I first met Stephen Kinzer when he was covering and reporting on the wars in Central America during the 1980s. Since then, he has been the *New York Times* bureau chief in Istanbul, Berlin and Managua, and authored books on Guatemala, Turkey and Iraq. In each, he probes how U.S. policies, often with the best of intentions, had consequences that led directly to more costly contemporary conflict and tragedy.

In this latest cautionary tale, Kinzer writes about the consequences of the initially successful U.S. interventions in Iran during the 1950s that deposed the only democratic government that country has ever had. In following this historic trail, he leads us to the choices we confront today – military intervention, diplomatic isolation, or direct negotiations with Iran – the effects of which will ripple far into the future and affect the stability of the Middle East for decades.

Is there a way where we can repair the damage of the past? Create new possibilities for resolving our conflicts with Iran? Find interests in common? Maybe even create a partner rather than an adversary? A start might be for each of us in Congress to read this book – or at least pages xxii – xxiii of the new preface.

I hope you will enjoy this acclaimed book as much as I have.

Sincerely,



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