

Dictated over the telephone by Mr.  
Vahid to Mrs. Wilson -  
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As you are aware, the digging of the Boghra Canal has been completed, and water to the extent of thirty cubic meters is passing through it now on trial, while on the other hand from the information we have been able to ascertain completion of the Kajaki Dam will take four years, and the water from the River Hirmand diverted to the Boghra Canal will certainly cause a deficiency to the share of the Iranian Seistan. Furthermore, the final recommendations of the American Neutral Commission which will commence work soon may take some time and this length of time is to the advantage of the Afghans. Therefore, to prevent any loss or damage to the lands of the people of Seistan with respect to their share of the waters of River Hirmand, it is necessary to have a satisfactory provisional agreement on which we may rely. However, considering that the proposal of certain arrangement in our answering note to the American Embassy might have raised the suspicions of the Afghans and drawn their attention to this matter, the Commission decided that it should be proposed to the Afghan Government in a separate letter that until the completion of the Kajaki Dam and until the final recommendations of the Neutral Commission are obtained and until a definite agreement has been entered into, a temporary and satisfactory arrangement should be made that the water diverted to the Boghra Canal and other

new works for irrigation of the areas they have in view should not exceed the quantity available to the area in question from ancient time until now according to the quantity of water this area has been receiving in various months, so that no loss should be sustained in the share of water due to the inhabitants of Seistan.