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### *The System of Transliteration*

The system of transliteration adopted in this study is a modified version of the format approved by the Library of Congress and the American Library Association. I have chosen to delete all the diacritical marks with the exception of the ayn (‘) and the hamzah (‘) when they appear in the middle of a word, e.g., Shi’a, Qashqa’i. In this system, the “al” and the hyphen are not used but are replaced by the “i” and the “o,” where pronounced differently. Persian or Arabic words are spelled as they commonly appear in Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, in Webster’s Third International Dictionary, in Webster’s Geographical Dictionary, or in ordinary English usage. Examples include Islam, Quran, Muhammad, bazaar, Tehran, and Tudeh. Well-known Iranian proper names are generally presented as they commonly appear in the English literature e.g., Reza Shah, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Musaddiq, Sayyid Ziaeddin Tabataba’i, Amir Abbas Hoveida and Ayatollah Abul Qassim Kashani. Sharp-eyed readers will note occasional inconsistencies, but such is the nature of transliteration system and language.