Q. Who is Kim Roosevelt? What is his connection with the CIA?—Rose Hendry, Charlottesville, Va.

A. Kermit "Kim" Roosevelt, 60, is a former chief of the CIA's Middle East Department. In 1953 he was responsible for ousting Mossadegh, then Premier of Iran, and restoring

power to the present Shah. Roosevelt retired from the CIA around 1959, has since worked as a consultant and adviser to such corporate giants as Northrop, Gulf, Tenneco, and Raytheon. Out of Groton and Harvard, class of '37, a former history professor at Cal Tech, Roosevelt joined the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) in World War II, wrote its history, became pro-Arab, and rejoined the intelligence community in 1950. In 1964 he started Kermit Roosevelt and Associates, a power in Middle East contacts. A grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, "Kim" is well-known in corporate circles as "a man who can get things done in the Middle East."