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1. Re resignation National Movement Fraction and possibility attempt Mossadeq dissolve Majlis, this message covers suggested reaction.
2. Opposition must stress by every means what remains of Majlis is legal and democratic center of government as opposed Mossadeq dictatorship. As many possible opposition deputies must state Majlis still alive and as many of them can be persuaded must take part in Majlis purpose carry on business of body. Recognize will be necessary expend money this purpose and determine precisely who does what.
3. Legal argument to be put up that if eighty instead of 136 were functioning legally Majlis then no reason why thirty should not function.
4. As soon possible opposition deputies to meet then elect new officers and committees. Then by internal regulations excuse from attendance members National Movement Fraction as this action solve quorum problem since quorum based on number elected members not excused from attending sessions.
5. As corollary items three and four opposition would state that resignation Fraction illegal since not done in way laid down by internal regulations Majlis.
6. After rump Majlis meets should be ready take following steps if when directed:
 - A. By suppl art 60 summon Mossadeq appear before it. When ignores order denounce him to Supreme Court as per suppl art 69.
 - B. Pass majority vote no confidence in Mossadeq as per suppl art 69.
7. Station to keep in mind that only Shah by art 48 as amended has authority dissolve Majlis and must not be allowed do so. Must also remember suppl art 54 gives Shah authority call special meeting Majlis.
8. Realize none above suggestions easy execute. When have your reaction to general line better able determine how modify plan to cover Majlis situation. Now incline believe if we able stress National Movement not legally resigned and still members then can have Shah call session at time required by plan. Also feel immediate best by members fits into best concept of plan.

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