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An Interview with Towfig Arjmand

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Towfig Arjmand, who immigrated to the United States from Iran in the mid 1950s, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Immigrant Stories* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Towfig Arjmand was born on June 4, 1929 in Kermanshah, Iran. He was raised and educated in Iran, up through college, as well as a combined pre-med and medical degree program, at which time he left Iran in 1956 to continue his medical studies in the United States on a student's visa. After completing his residency at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois in 1961, Dr. Arjmand decided to remain in the United States and eventually became a U.S. citizen in 1968. Dr. Arjmand shared his views on life in Iran under the Shah's reign and his experiences as an immigrant.

Dr. Arjmand worked for many years as an anesthesiologist at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois, and is now retired. In 1960 he married Beryl Hobbs, and the couple resides in Springfield, Illinois.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Iran during WW II; leadership and overthrow of Mohammad Mossadeq; leadership of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran; CIA involvement in Iranian politics in mid-1950s; Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran; life as immigrant in the United States

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