CHASE BANK SILENT ON IRAN STATEMENT

It Declines to Comment on Charge
That Bankers Played Key Role
in Getting Shah into U.S.

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A spokesman for the Chase Manhattan Bank yesterday declined to comment on the statement by Iran's foreign policy director, Ahmad Mohtashamipour, that Chase had been involved in trying to arrange a banking interest-

lying led by Chase Manhattan and its chairman, David Rockefeller. Those responsible for the admission of the Shah to the United States, he said, would be in a position to comment on the statement. Mr. Rockefeller has never made any direct comments for Chase Manhattan.

Mr. Rockefeller has been silent on the matter, and has played a primary role in persuading the U.S. Government to allow a 1975 mission for Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to the United States. Those at Chase

Regarding his role as an intermediary with the Shah, Mr. Rockefeller added: "I had touch with the Shah a number of ways. I was aware of the fact that his health had been deteriorating, but I had heard from a number of doctors that he needed to want and needed to go see us. I don't know what the doctors said, but I brought those re-

ductions to the attention of the Department of State and the President."

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