NOTE ON THE SECOND VOLUME

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This work presents the autograph manuscript of Sharqi Turkistan Tarikhi (The History of Eastern Turkistan), the most important work of Muḥammad Amīn Bughra, a well-known 20th century nationalist of “Eastern Turkistan.” The work is divided into two volumes: The first presents an edited text of Bughra’s autograph manuscript, and the second contains a facsimile of the manuscript.

Sharqi Turkistan Tarikhi was completed in Kabul on April 18, 1940. The original manuscript is held in Turkey by Mrs. Fatima Bughra, the only daughter of Muḥammad Amīn Bughra, and her husband Mr. Yunus Bughra. The manuscript is composed of a main section, which totals 776 pages, in addition to a preface, endorsements, and indexes, which amount to another 42 pages.

Unfortunately, pages 3 to 50 in the main text were lost during the 1940s amidst a period of upheaval, but the rest has been preserved by the Bughras in near-perfect condition. In addition to the manuscript, they have 24 pieces of additional hand-drawn maps that were prepared for Sharqi Turkistan Tarikhi by Bughra himself.

In this volume, I publish the facsimile of the manuscript in addition to all of the attendant text and maps. It is reproduced courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Bughra, to whom I would like to express my deep gratitude.

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