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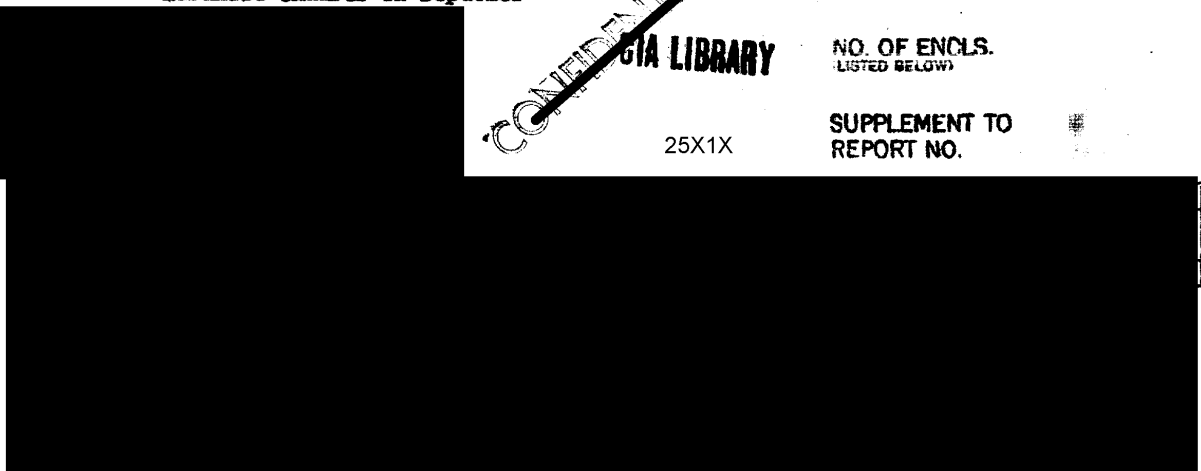
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1. On 10 January 1949 Ahmad As'ad, Minister of Public Works and a deputy for South Lebanon, discussed with President Khuri an idea, backed by As'ad, to have a large number of deputies sign an appeal to the President requesting the dissolution of the Chamber of Deputies, in view of the unsavory reputation that the Chamber has had "since 25 May 1947." Source states that As'ad pointed out to the President that the reason he favors dissolution of the Chamber is because he does not want it said that he became a member of the Chamber by fraudulent means, especially as he had represented South Lebanon in all the Chambers preceding the present one. Source feels that President Khuri favors As'ad's plan, which is also satisfactory to opposition elements, particularly as it originated with the deputies and not with the President.
 25X1A [redacted] Comment. It has also been reported by [redacted] that As'ad 25X1A intends to oppose any revision of the Election Law. 25X1X
2. [redacted] As'ad and his son-in-law, Sabr Hanadah, President of the Chamber of Deputies, planned to circulate the appeal for dissolution of the Chamber.

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