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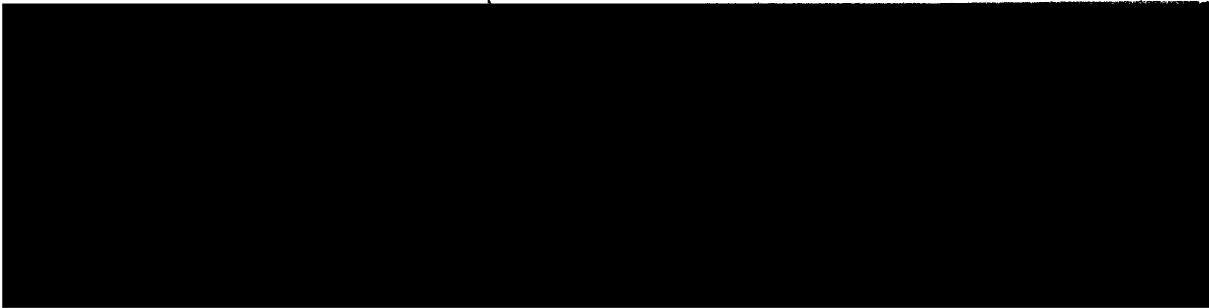
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- 1. [redacted] the normally pro-Government Beirut newspaper al-Hadaf in recent weeks has been progressively adopting a pro-communist line.^{*} Its editor, Zuhayr Usayran,^{**} is a Shi'ah.
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- 2. [redacted] the reason for this the close friendship which exists between Usayran and Emil Ghuri^{***} and states that it is the latter, serving as reporter and columnist on al-Hadaf, who has been writing the pro-communist articles. Ghuri, [redacted] is a notorious opportunist and has been making a determined effort to be accepted by high-level Communists as a communist sympathizer, at least.

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25X1A * [redacted] Comment. The anti-American, pro-communist line of a number of al-Hadaf's recent articles has been the subject of considerable comment.

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] stated that 25X1A Zuhayr Usayran, al-Misri correspondent, prior to 2 March 1949 contacted Abd-al-Rahman Sultanov, an official of the Soviet Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, and promised to create a Soviet intelligence network in Syria and Lebanon which would be "strongly connected with the high authorities in the two countries."

25X1A *** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1A Emil Ghuri was believed to be leaning toward Communism.

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