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1. Discussing the financial status of Hajj Amin Husayni, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, in a private conversation early in August 1951, Muhammad Yunus Bey, Assistant Manager of the Arab National Bank, said that the Egyptian Government still treated the Mufti as an important political refugee. Besides meeting all his personal expenses, such as rent, car, and the salaries of his servants, driver, secretaries, and assistants, it also paid him a personal allowance from the secret funds administered by the Council of Ministers - a sum of LE.300 per month.
2. This was to a certain extent confirmed by the head of the private office of Abd-al-Rahman Anzani Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, who said that the Arab League had at one time made the ex-Mufti a grant of LE.500 a month, but that this had been stopped about three years ago, when the League authorities became satisfied that the ex-Mufti received adequate sums from the funds of the Council of Ministers and the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
3. Ahmad al-Shafai, personal Press Secretary to Prime Minister Mustafa Nahhas Pasha, told a friend about the same time that on the first of every month a special messenger from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs carried to the ex-Mufti a sealed envelope containing the amount allocated to him by the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This the messenger handed to the Mufti against receipt without being aware of its contents. When the ex-Mufti returned from his trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan all the monthly grants which had accumulated for him during his absence were sent to him in a single payment.

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1. Comment. Muhammad Yunus Bey is the right-hand man of Ahmad Hilmi Pasha, who is reported to have said in the middle of July 1951 that the Egyptian Government "had certain obligations to the ex-Mufti which it would be inappropriate to disclose."

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