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NAME: **HUSAYNI** (Grand Murti) **Amir al**

Business Address: **EGYPT**

Religion and Identity Papers: **Palestinian Muslim** 19

Occupation: **Politician** 19

Miscellaneous Information: **1941 (qv); in Berlin as a member of a Near East council which served as an advisory body to the Germans. Leader of Arab political policy in Berlin.** 15

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OSS #382
CID
Tangier
12/1/41.

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OSS FH #61
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See #6 on
Master Card.

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Rome, while Rashid Ali intrigued against him in Berlin.

He lives a simple life and, according to the source, has worked hard to gain the sympathy of small Arab circles in Europe. He is the only one who has tried to maintain contact with the Near East and Middle East and can justly claim that he does represent a certain number of followers. His one topic of conversation is hatred of the Jews.

Source got his friend Jabbar UMAR on to subject's staff as his secretary.

In 10-11, 1942, certain members of the Arab Legion accompanied the German RAHN to North Africa. It had been subject's idea to mobilize the Arabs of North Africa through their religion, using the Bey of Tunis. The Bey did not support subject's plans and the mission was a failure.

In 1/43, there was a change in the personnel in the Department for Affairs in the Near East. From this time subject's affairs have been handled by Dr. PRUEFER, the new department head.

Subject has, in addition to the treaty and letter mentioned above, memoranda and notes of conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, saying that though Italy had no territorial claims in the Near East she considered that the Near East belonged to Italy's Mediterranean sphere of economic interest.

In 2/43 subject was temporarily reconciled with Rashid Ali al-GAYLANI (qv). NY 32135

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#15 on memo
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Sheikh Nassan Abu-SOUD (qv) escaped from Jerusalem with subject and is still with him at present (12/27/43).

G 1150
1/5/44

P/W's mother writes that subject and his five wives have been living in Zittau, Germany for some time.

#18 on
m.-card

Document gives subject's past and present life and interprets his future in relation to the Moslem world.

R and A
1090, 41
1/8/44

Amil GHURI (qv) wrote subject at the following address:
c/o Hajj Bashir el-ADDAS (qv)
Souweika, Mecca, Hejjaz.

EGY/00929/44
HELD FOR SINE
2/5/44

GHURI mentioned Abd-al LATIF Bey (qv), Muhammad Rafiq el-HUSAYNI (qv).

Source is of the opinion that the rebuff received by subject in not being included in the recent AL conference in Cairo, together with his inability to command sufficient strength to halt AEDALLAH's annexation of Arab Palestine, are forcing him closer to the communists. Source points out that Mar'uf al-DAWALIBI, subject's former secretary, spent considerable time with the Mufti during the AL conference. GHURI (qv) also spent some time with DAWALIBI.

RLB-1933

B-3; 27 April 50

(F-2). Source states that a military organization for the liberation of Palestine has been organized by subject. At the beginning of April, this organization distributed tracts calling on Arab youth--particularly Palestinians--to unite and make another effort to liberate Palestine and, if necessary, to die in the attempt. (F-3). Source asserts that he has received info that this organization is preparing to send 6 100 armed young men into Palestine with the mission of sabotaging Jewish military and civilian installations, and of assassinating members of the Armistice Commission and the principal Arab chiefs who are collaborating with the Israelis.

SO-40008; RLB-1931; April 1950

Source believes the Mufti is cooperating with the Soviets, as his whole course indicates of this idea. Subject receives mysterious visitors late at night.

RLB-1973

May 50

Until recently the refugees in the Bint Jubayl region were followers of subject; now they are swinging toward ABDALLAH. This tendency became particularly noticeable after ABDALLAH reportedly proposed to the subject the position of Viceroy and two ministerial seats in the "All Palestine Government".

RLB-2000

F-3; 5 June 1950

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RB: 54

9/30/48

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See 76 on master-card

Receives messages from Mejd el-Din el-JABIRI (qv), Nazi agent active in Transjordan.

Beirut 2/1/48

During the past two months pro-Nazi circulars have been passed out among the Shummar, Anzeh and Akidat tribes; they are reported to be messages from subject and Rashid Ali al-GAYLANI exhorting the tribes to rise up against Britain and France and promising that an Arab Kingdom will be created by Germany after her victory.

Beirut 2/8/48

Sheikh Abd-al Hamid ZIDAN (qv) and Sheikh Husayn Sharaf ed-DIN (qv) were friends with subject during his refuge in Syria. On 2/19/48, Tawfiq SARMINI (qv) brought a declaration from subject to the two Sheikhs above about gaining Arab independence. Sheikh Mustafa Anis er-RIFATI (qv) is a friend of subject's, as is Rashid el-HUSAYNI (qv).

G 4

Beirut 2/28/48

sends letters through Sa'id Fattah al-IMAM (qv) to religious leaders in Syria.

G 50

Beirut 8/29/48

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<p>NAME: HUSAYNI Last Haji First Amin al Middle</p> <p>OR: HUSAYNI, HAJI</p> <p>ALIAS: deported to France - 5/7/1945 (32)</p> <p>BUSINESS ADDRESS: Street Cyben City near Berlin Country Germany EGYPT 27</p> <p>LOCAL ADDRESS: Street City Country</p> <p>HOME ADDRESS: Street City Country</p> <p>IDENTITY PAPERS</p> <p>1904 Palestinian Moslem 19</p> <p>Date & Birth 1-25 Birthplace stocky Nationality blond 1</p> <p>Weight blue Eyes healthy Complexion</p> <p>Physical Features: dark face, pointed nose, full beard,</p> <p>Languages: French, English, Turkish,</p> <p>Occupation: Politician 19</p> <p>Cover</p> <p>Travel: via Iran to Germany with Rashid Ali al-GAY 3</p> <p>Information: (qv) in Berlin was a member of a Near East council 6</p> <p>which served as an advisory body to the Germans. Leader of 13</p> <p>Arab political policy in Berlin. SECRET (see dossier)</p>			

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A 1347-208

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G 4
Beirut
2/28/43

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G 59
Beirut
3/29/43

Subject is said to be a good personal friend of pro-Nazi Rashid el-HUSAMI and Izzat DARWAZAH (qv).

G 65
Beirut
4/12/43

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Egypt etc
G. 81.
Beirut
4/19/43

Sent a letter to Syria through the German Embassy in Ankara to Shams ed Din ARIF of the Turkish Foreign Office to Osman NURI who brought it to Syria, to the Mufti of Damascus (qv) who read it to a gathering of Moslem leaders in the home of Zafir el-QASIMI (qv). In the letter he declared that the present Allied agreement to give Syria and the Lebanon independence was a scheme to split up the Arab world into small independent states. He referred to this independence as a false independence with a further aim of isolating Palestine which would become a Jewish state. He reminded the Arabs that he and their other leaders had sacrificed home and fortunes for the time being to work for a great Arab nation and implored the Moslems not to accept the British policy of separating the Arab states, not to accept false independence under the swords of the colonizers but to wait and work for the day of true Arab independence with all Arab countries united into one. Similar letters were enclosed for the Mufti of Lebanon (qv), the Mufti of Aleppo (qv) and Sheikh 'AQIL of the Druzes; these letters were delivered by Assim el-NA'ILI, the lawyer (qv).

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A 1988
5/8/43

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The son of Muhammad Ahmad Sukhni SALVAN (qv) in Jerusalem finally sent funds to subject, who according to statements in the New York press, has recently been in Germany and Yugoslavia. Also see the "International Who's Who-1942" on subject.

NY FILE 3818
CONFIDENTIAL
10/6/43

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G 1150
1/5/44

P/W's mother writes that subject and his five wives have been living in Zittau, Germany for some time.

No. 18 on
mastercard

Informant states that negotiations are in progress between former King TAL'AL, with British support, for SUBJ to return to Jordan as Viceroy. SUBJ is demanding certain stipulations, but negotiations may be successful, informant says. SUBJ would rather return as Mufti than Viceroy.

RLB-2782
C-2
MAJ
MAN

F-6
8 Oct 51

SUBJ is reported to be the leader of a planned terrorist campaign in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt against British nationals and TAPline facilities and personnel due to come off in late October or early November 1951. Subject has combined forces of Moslem Brotherhood and his terrorist to carry out this campaign. SUBJ has received encouragement from Ma'ruf DAWALIBI in this connection. Abu-Ibrahim ISHAIR (SAGHIR) is in charge of campaign in Syria; Muhammad Nimr NWDAB in Lebanon.

C-2
In-26670
C-2
20 Oct 51

See SO-74570.

See SO-79592 for plans of Subj during early 1952....

Reported to be in Cairo during week ending 15 Dec 51 conferring with King Faruk...

RLB-2782
C-2
20 Dec 51
B-3

Receives messages from Mejd el-Din el-JARIRI (qv), Nazi agent active in Transjordan.

A 2401
2/1/43.

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G - 4
Beirut
2/28/43.

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G 59
Beirut
3/29/43.

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G - 81 Beirut
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G - 61 Syria
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Born in Jerusalem in 1896. Ambitious and ruthless. Educated in Jerusalem and Cairo; speaks Arabic, Turkish, French, and English. His political career began under the British occupation. Early in 1921 he succeeded to the office of Mufti of Jerusalem. There being no hierarchy in Islam, the title "Grand" Mufti is of political rather than religious import. Appointed to the Presidency of the Supreme Muslim Council in December 1921.

R & A 1969
16 June 1944

In March 1944 was at Zehlendorf, and was planning the ATLAS (qv) parachute expedition, in conjunction with Amt VI C. 13. He insisted that the leadership of the expedition be handed over to the Arabs after its landing and that half the transmitting time be given to them; it was agreed that the fight (organized by the expedition) was to be directed against the Jews and in such a way as not to cause the British to intervene too severely against the Arabs.

XX-8830
SIME WTB-
LAND IR #2
1-26 Nov 44

Sheikh Hassan Abu-SOUD (qv) escaped from Jerusalem with subject and is still with him at present (12/27/43).

G-1150
1/5/44

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R and A
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EGY/00929/44
HELD FOR SIME
2/5/44.

GHURI mentioned Abd-al LATIF Bey (qv), Muhammad Rafiq el-HUSAYNI (qv), RIAD Bey (qv), Dr. Mustafa el BUSHNAK (qv), Musa ALAMI (qv), Yacub HUSAYN (qv), Fu'ad SABA (qv) and Dr. Husayn el-K'ALIDI (qv) as subject's "colleagues and friends".

Subject delivered a broadcast to the Arab world in which he denounced certain Arab leaders for having entered into negotiations with Jews about ARAB UNION plans. He accused them of having accepted bribes, and said that even the slightest step in the direction of letting the Jews take any part in Arab affairs was high treason; every one of these traitors would soon be overtaken by his well-deserved fate. No Arab may ever flirt with the British-sup ported Jews. (Berliner Boersen Zeitung, Berlin Daily in Germany, 1/14/44)

JPTR 137
USAFIME
2/28/44.

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1/8/44

Document gives subject's past and present and interprets his future in relation to the Moslem world.

Amil GHURI (qv) wrote subject at the following address:
c/o Hajj Bashir el-ADDAS (qv)
Souweika, Mecca Hejjaz.

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HELD FOR SIME
2/5/44

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Egypt

Prolonged stay in Leb from 6th to 20th Oct as result of message from Col. Adib Shishakli which was delivered by unnamed individual at home of Raja'i HUSA'NI in Beirut. On 6 Oct visited President SHAM'UN who promised to pay AHE monthly sum of 2000 Leb pounds which Bisharah al-Khuri had paid in past. Mufti also visited Leb Moslem deputies and leaders, notably Sami SUHA, Abaulleh YAFI, RIZZI, DA'U, KARAMAH (Rashid), for purpose of trying to get them to unite in Leb political activities. At request of Muhammad Nimir AWDAH, SUHA took Amir GHURI back to Cairo with him on 1 Oct.

MLB-10
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15 Oct 52

During week of 2-3 Nov. '52, Yusuf Shukri of Egyptian Army Intelligence twice visited Subject's headquarters in Heliopolis to enlist Subject's aid in Lev. Govt. activity against Communists in Egypt.

17 Nov 52

This Arab Higher Executive has agreed to work with Egyptian Army Intelligence and will instruct its confidants in refugee camps to watch for any signs of Communist activity directed against Egypt.

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Misc 1

EGYPT, etc.

VLB-86
HC 1/1: B-3
12.16.48

ALFARABI (qv - Lebanon) quotes recent views of Subject; says he has never known him to be so pro-British.

Born in Jerusalem in 1895. Ambitious and ruthless. Education in Jerusalem and Cairo; speaks Arabic, Turkish, French, English. His political career began under the British occupation. Early in 1921 he succeeded to the office of Mufti of Jerusalem. He has no hierarchy in Islam, the title "Grand Mufti" is of political rather than religious import. Appointed to the presidency of the Arab Higher Council in December 1921.

In March 1944 was at Zehlendorf, and was planning the Arab (qv) parachute expedition, in conjunction with Amt WIELAND (qv) 1-26 Nov. 1944. He insisted that the leadership of the expedition be handed over to the Arabs after its landing and that half the participating time be given to them; it was agreed that the fight (organized by the expedition) was to be directed against the Jews and in such a way as not to cause the British to intervene too severely against the Arabs.

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Subject was with Abwehr II in Berlin until March 1944, and is now in Zittau (Saxony). Since the events in Tunisia he has retired from the political scene almost completely. (information date- 1943.)
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FX 88
S- 83 (See
S-100 & S-101
A-1, France
9/23/44

Five German agents (3 Palestinian Aryan Germans and 2 Arabs) were dropped over Palestine Oct. 6, 1944. Two of these Abu ALI and DEININGER (qv) are still at large. All five had been personally briefed by Subject before leaving Berlin. There is a possibility that RASHID ALI AL-GAYLANI (qv) may be parachuted into Iraq but it is unlikely that he and Subject would at present be on any joint mission activity as it is known that they are hostile to each other.

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Beirut
B-2
Nov. 27, 1944

Subject and Rashid Ali Al-GAYLANI (qv) still on bad terms when expedition of 4 parachutists (Arabs) left Germany for Iraq (11/44) - ALI being discredited to the point of practical residential isolation in Berlin. (Date of information 12/10/44; eval: B-2)

GX 2007
12/10/44
From: [unclear]

Subject, Hajj Anis al

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ORIENT EGYPT, etc.

Subject lives at Qyben and comes into Berlin periodically. RASSOUL (qv) saw subject in Rome. He saw him again when he was at Qyben doing his wire-tapping tests and on another occasion when he brought the ex-Mufti some documents. Subject appears to live well though his beard is white. KHADEMI, a Shia, seems to have found favor with subject. A difference between subject and Rashid Ali started about six months ago. The Germans appear to favor the ex-Mufti because he has been in Germany longer.

XI 5488-1227.
Tel Afar Parachute Expedition
A-2, 12/21/1944.
(RASSOUL was member of expedition)

Radio reports Grand Mufti arrested and taken to Paris French Army to be turned over to the British.
DeR

London, AP
May 21, 1945

Subject was a friend of WUKIWWAH (qv Lebanon). Intervened in WUKIWWAH's behalf on various occasions, and even offered him a position and a place to live in Berlin.
See interrogation for details.

GX002-42Cb
Beirut Intern
12/2-9/44

Confirms above GX002-42Cb.

GNA-65
HG/UGL
2/20/48

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64	10/10/44	J-1	C-0
<p>Report circulating among the Arabs indicates that Subject has left Germany for Switzerland. This information is said to be contained in a letter from Miun al-MADI who is in London, purporting to come from the Subject himself.</p>			
EX-45	30-9-45	HQ/001	
<p>Emal HUSSEI ingeniously defended the MUFTI. Haj Amin, he said, had never been a German, but only anti-British because of the Palestine problem. Subject's great disillusionment came when he learned of the agreement between Hitler and Mussolini by which Italy was to have Syria and Palestine, and Germany Iraq. From this moment the MUFTI refused to cooperate and would not permit the Arab Legion, raised in Europe, to fight for the Germans in North Africa.</p>			

Sabri ASALI (qv), while in forced residence in Es Zok, was in regular touch with Subject.

G-7581 B-2
5/5/45

After escaping from the Middle East to Berlin, Subject worked up contacts with the Foreign Office, who naturally hoped to exploit him for their own ends. Lived in Berlin, Goethestr. 33 or 35. Left Berlin in 1944 on account of bombing raids.

XX 6968
26/5/45/
S.I.M.E.
Report #4 -
Interrogation
of Hans
Juergen
KIRCHNER.

V-E day release of 138 political prisoners, imprisoned in the period of the Arab revolt 1938-39 has bolstered ranks of the militant Arabs. Since majority were loyal followers of subject agitation for Subject's return to Palestine may be expected to become more insistent. Note that a group of Palestine Arab soldiers serving with British Middle East Army stationed in the Lebanon staged anti-French demonstrations at Beirut 9-10 May, carrying large picture of Subject and shouting "Hajj Amin, Sayf al-Din" (Hajj Amin, sword of the faith). Source A 56105, 11 May 1945; source B, same dates. It was reliably reported that Subject was arrested by the French in Paris on 19 May; the French press declared that he would be given up to the British.

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26/5/45.

According to higher officers of SS, order for destruction of Jews
issued out by Hitler, but collaboration of subject is discern-

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Berne
5/17/45

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IN-11000
8/2/45 (Cassidy)

a certain Arab who received military information from

subject, captured enemy agent, is known to the Grand

subject is known to have visited his unit which comprised
part of Arab.

subject and his adjutant Dr. LANDALL were close collaborators of X-8000
and SCHEIDTBERG personally. Subject had a staff of twenty to
thirty men. Similar number was trained in "M.D. School" near
in Autumn 1944 and in winter of '44 Arabs and German Palestine
parachuted in Palestine for sabotage, fermenting revolt, and
of further parachute descents. Subject received very high
He had agents in Turkey. He was important for Mohammedan
in the Balkans. He also had a Mullah school in "residence". These
were going to be used with Mohammedan minorities in Russia.

Now clear that the ex-Mufti is in touch with his supporters in
tine. He is reported to have sent instructions to the Palestine
Party and criticized the lack of initiative of the Arab League.
is said to enjoy comparative freedom in Paris. 02/A-233

DoR

SME Security

inent Palestinian Zionist subsource rated F-0 claims IN 3360
holding Grand Mufti incommunicado in Paris as Trump- SI
for wedge against British in Middle East. G.M. and his
in HUSSEINI claimed by subsource to have been instrumental in
with Nazis extermination of European Jewry and that both
general Eichmann in Budapest. Jamal Husayni(qv)

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estimate of the Grand Mufti's position. A-0000, 0-0100, Jan'
Jerusalem. 2, B-3.

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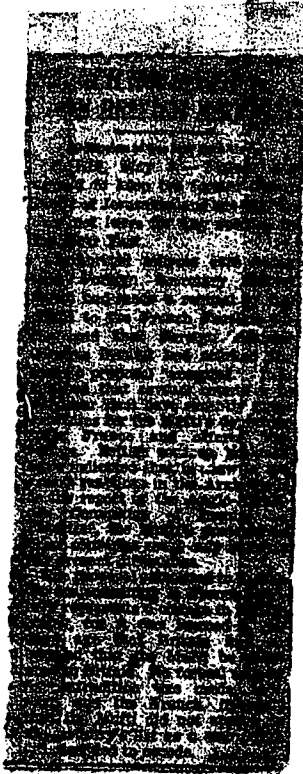
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Subject wrote letter to Samih Bey As SUHL (qv) recently requesting him to make the necessary preparations for his (the Mufti's) return to the Middle East. Stated that the French do not object to his residing in the M.E. providing he applies through channels to move there.

IN 36881

11 May 1946

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From Cairo: Requests copy of article appearing New York Post 21 April 1946 re status of Grand Mufti as war criminal. IN-36978 5/14/46

New York Post, Saturday April 20, 1946: Article in Post by Arthur Hurwich, claims that documentary evidence that Haj Amin el HUSSEINI, Grand Mufti, is now in possession of the Post. Reproduced in an adjoining column are portions of a report by a British security officer about enemy activity in Iraq during the war. It is headed Tel Afar Parachute Expedition; Defence Security Office, C.I.C.I. Baghdad, Iraq; 9 December 1944 and is signed by Wing Commander H.K. Dawson Shepherd, Defense Security Officer. The article further states: "The Mufti, in what apparently is a deal between Britain and France, is expected to turn up soon in the Middle East. The French government recently announced he was free to go wherever he desired. He had been reported under arrest near Paris."

Documents re the Grand MUFTI were shipped from the Control Section, G-2, USFA to organization G-2, USFET, dated 21 March 1948, ship's no. 313. Info sent by Saint Austria to Saint Germany.

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From Cairo: Rg IN 36978 and X-4589.

IN 37610
May 31, 1946

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Relations between subject and Qawuqi definitely bad despite meeting at Irbid. Qawuqi says subject is discrediting him. Iraq government opposed to subject and to Hashimi. Factions arising in Palestine, 5 December 1947 against subject and Arab Higher Executive. Led by Ahmad Hilmi PASHA. Arab League Military Committee unwilling to turn funds over to subject.

SO-10045

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Reported that Arab League Military Committee has now accepted subject as sole responsible leader of Palestine lead Arabs. Subject proposed as commander in chief.

SO-10189

B-3

rg

Syrian Government reported to have told MUFTI that his visit to Damascus would be detrimental to national cause. MUFTI sent nephew Ishaq DARNISH to Damascus to see about this. Lebanese Security says subject is known throughout world as Nazi collaborator and the Jews would exploit this.

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25 October 1947

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HGI

5.23.46

Pres. KHURI let slip to WADSWORTH a remark that an influential Moslem of Lebanon (believed to be Ried SULH) had seen the Mufti in Paris, and on return to Beirut had organized very secretly Moslem pressure to permit the Mufti to return to Lebanon.

(Note: First definite word of subject's whereabouts since his escape from France appeared in newspapers of 6.20.46 which stated that he was in Egypt, had been received by FARUK, and had been granted asylum there. .er)

Was flown directly from Paris to Damascus on a Fr. plane by GNX-388 the French. She trip of a bogus Mufti from Paris to Cairo F. BROWN by TWA was to divert attention from Fr. hand in the enter- 6.27.46 prise. Syrian who arranged the escape was Nabih al-AZIMI, Minister of Defense. Subject, with beard shaved off, arrived 5.29 at Damascus' Mezze Airport where he was met by AZMI who took the Mufti to his house. At start of Bludan Conference when the Pres. found he was there, he had the Mufti brought to Zabdani where the Mufti met principal Arab leaders. FARUK agreed to give him asylum and sent his private plane to take the Mufti to al-Anchass. BROWN believes the above report and HGI thinks it quite probable.

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GX 163

SINE #4

AE/421

2/14/15, 18/44

Subject is known to use the diplomatic bags to Turkey, as for example when he writes to the German authorities concerning which of his Arab supporters should receive money. He also has sent friends to Turkey. He contact his personal representative and other followers, but HAMBURGER (qv) did not know how subject could get a courier through to Syria or Palestine and doubted if that were possible.

Subject is now to be found in Germany and has been reportedly in contact with a certain Tunisian who accompanied three Germans to Tetuan.

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10/16/44

In Report From Palestine mention is made of a report circulating among the Arabs to the effect that Subject has left Germany for Switzerland.

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On December 1, 1947 returned to Lebanon from Syria after contacting Higher Arab Executive members and Palestine Liberation Committee.

FBIB-196
2 December 1947

rg

Reported that subject's trip to Lebanon for Arab League Meetings at Aley facilitated by Egyptian Ministry of Interior on direct instructions of government and with Faruk's connivance.

WEL-1722
10 November 1947

rg

Reported that prior to subject's departure for Lebanon he was approached by Shabatsi LEVI, head of Raifa, and David HACHEN, of Haqana. Man who brought request for interview said proposition was to get Arab agreement to bring 50-60,000 Jews from Europe. After this immigration closed and prepared to discuss establishment of bi-national state. Overtures led to nothing.

WEL-1721
10 November 1947

rg

Arrived in Cairo 8 December to attend Arab Premiers Meeting on resistance. Will return to Beirut in few days. Hopes to get to Palestine as soon as possible.

FBIB-201
9 December 1947

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Kel-1119
28 Jan. 47
Source: 7-Rel

Reported by friend to be planning to set up the JAMA'AT el ENSA (qv) a new organization with branches in every Arab state, with its central committee the Majlis el Sehebe (qv) headed by himsâaf. (For info on organization see its card.)

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Mufti now able have unrestricted telephonic communication with Palestine. Averages at least 1 call per day. Staff with mufti at present home in helmieh includes Rasim el KHALIDI and Ishak BAWISH, who handle finance; Haidar HUSSEINI, in charge of Public relations; Munif; HUSSEINI, in charge of Personnel Affairs; also: Izzat el DANNAZA and Hassan Abu SA'AD, of Issawi village near Jerusalem, former chief assistants before war in organizing mufti's political terrorism, against Arab opponents.

IN 48811
10 Feb 1947
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Mufti has insisted that ALAMI (qv) Director of Arab Bureau in Jerusalem, London and Washington must be responsible to him

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Feb. 47. C-3

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FBIS-37
15 April 1947

(Cairo- 9 April- Arab News Agency)

The Arab Higher Committee of Palestine (qv) met today under the chairmanship of Subject, to discuss the Palestine question in preparation for its reference to the UN.

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is reported to have sent Akram ZUWAYTIR (Lebanon) on four month propaganda mission among Lebanese and Syrian groups in Brazil and Argentina. ZUWAYTIR left Rome on 17 July, after a 4 day stay, for Brazil via Amsterdam.

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Subject is now in Aley, Lebanon. Called on Lebanese Minister and attended secret meeting of Arab Higher Executive. Sofar Resolutions.

rg

Lebanese president gave orders that Mufti is to be guest of Lebanese government during his stay in country.

rg

Subject told Beirut paper the withdrawal of British from Palestine is essential prerequisite and their declaration is satisfactory. Arabs are waiting for this evacuation to achieve rights in full.

rg

Subject, accompanied by members of Higher Arab Executive, arrived in Damascus on 25 October. Was received at border by Chief of Syrian General Staff and QANUQJI. Subject also met with Azzam PASRA, Arab League Secretary General.

IN 10612

21 July 47

FBIB-160
9 October 1947

FBIB-158
7 October 1947

FBIB-166
17 October 1947

FBIB-172
27 October 1947

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EGYPT
Palestine

Myron Neville's report on Mufti's position in Palestine: All sources agree Mufti's position strong with Pal. Arabs as a whole, the some say support is purely political. Subject's closest advisers are JAMAL HUSSEINI & EMILE GHOURI; also Munif HUSSEINI, ISHAQ DARWISH & SHEIKH HUSSEIN ABU SNOUD. Mufti has no formal intelligence organization, but keeps himself informed re Palestine by seeing all Arabs who come to Egypt from there.

VPJ-109
5 Aug/47

Report re the antagonism between the Mufti and KAUKJI* - - - also a report on the opposition of MEDALLAH's followers in Palestine to the Mufti.

JA Digest No 16
28 Mar 48

Mufti in Alexandria on July 15, 1946, conferred at Edina with Emile al-GHOURI, the Secretary of the Palestine Arab Party

July 15, 1946
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Reliably reported installed in Palace of Prince Muhammad Ali at Zizinia. Guarded by Egyptian army soldiers.

Reliable; GX 2717

Aug. 12, 1946

Reliably reported installed in villa of Princess SHUKAR at the Sharia St. Genie, off the Sharia Marshal Allenby

Reliable; GX 2749

Aug. 23, 1946

See GHX 475, Sept 4, 1946, for visit of Muhammad Rustum TABBARA on Aug. 30, 1946.

VEC-137. 2 Jan. 47

Br. Mon. Intell. Rev.

Subject about to organize a new Palestine Arab Committee (qv) to include 10 members exiled from Palestine and 10 from within Palestine. This may have some connection with the National Arab League discussed late in November at the Arab Club on Malika Farida Square.

At meeting in subject's house, Sept. 1946, a new Arab organization, the League of Arab Nations (qv) was said to be formed.

To be wider than the Arab League with representatives from North Africa and all Arab nation alist groups. Unconfirmable Jewish source

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Misc - 1 EBYAN, etc.

on October 26, latter said privately that the Mufti
ing for UN to pronounce its decision on Palestine

28 Nov 47

Mufti felt optimistic over prospects of Arab cause before UN and was
that UNSCOP majority report would not be adopted. In this event,
ended to claim publicly suppression of the Mandate, formation of an
government, and the complete stoppage of Jewish immigration. Though QUNWATI
agreement with this plan, other sources reported that AZZAM PASHA and
endeavoring to dissuade Mufti from hastily proclaiming Arab government.
sider that this should only be done if and when the Jews take some pre-
such as the proclamation of a Jewish State or the delivery of an
Arabs. RIAS SOLH in particular is strongly opposed to the idea of the
head of the State in Palestine. Several sources report Mufti has postponed
tely his idea of returning to Egypt to settle up outstanding business.
He finds facilities offered by Lebanon ideal for maintenance of contact
resistance circles and has therefore decided to remain in Beirut or
vicinity.

anese officer told Amer. Minister that differences
Mufti and QANUQJI were owing to latter's desire to
the irregular forces in Pal., while the Mufti did not

MA, Beirut
12 Nov 47

to (although Mufti doesn't want to command them himself.) For the good
to obtain another leader. Disagreement between

is reported that he desires to do so.

the Syrian Government would not tolerate the presence
in Syria and so in June 1945 QUNWATI and IBE SAUD
King FAHD to accept him in Egypt. Syrian leaders felt
essentially a collaborator of the British. Feared his
the Arab world was a grand league presided over by
the British would like this. Didn't want his in
system. Felt QANUQJI was less dangerous.

RLB-11c
November 1947

has suggested that the Mufti would agree
Transjordan. Ghury is reportedly closest man

London to
5 January

that SHARABATI tried to iron out differences between subject
I but subject refused to accept him.

RLB-124
2 December

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Subject claims that Palestine is for the Palestinians. Believes
Palestinian Arab revolt would probably be sufficient. Said "Give us
material help and we would do the rest." Reserves for himself role
of leader—flatly refuses QAWUQJI the role he is anxious to play.
Subject met with QAWUQJI at Arab Sessions at Aley but came to no
agreement.

RLB-64
F-3
14 October 1947

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Subject met with President QUNATLI at Zebdani, Syria on 25 October.
Also present were Dr. Najib ARMANAZI, Syrian Minister to London, Jamil
Bardam Bey, Muhsin BARAZI, Ryad SULH, AZZAM Pasha, and Mouin WADI
and Izzat DARVAZAH of Arab Higher Committee. Subject of meeting was
Palestine Revolt. Absent were QAWUQJI and SHARABATI.

Damascus
A-397
7 Nov. 1947

rg

When subject arrived Beirut, he called leaders of various
Arab factions together both to solve the problem of Arab
leadership and to impress the Arab League. Mufti is re-
ported to have convinced the League that the underground is
stronger than ever and that it will start activity when Arab
state troops begin to move. He claimed that the underground
numbered 16,000 men equipped with small arms. The Mufti is
interested only in irregular volunteer troops.

REL-1721
[reliable]
14 Oct 47

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MUFTI is a...
Subject...
Syria...
Arab...
necessity...
express...
the UN...

RLB Sher...
16 Oct 47

The Syrian Prime Minister...

MAHAS Pasha, Egyptian Premier, has agreed to return to the MUFTI all arms
and materiel taken from the AHE by the Egyptian govt during the Fal fight.
These assets are estimated at 350,000 Egyptian pounds.

RLB-1009
[] b-3
14 Feb 50

The MUFTI is close to and receiving money from the French; 'Abdullah EdL
now a MUFTI adherent, may ally himself with the French and serve as liaison
between the MUFTI and the French.

State Dis 52
8 Feb 50
Beirut

A letter sent by subject to the UN Trusteeship Council states that Jordan
does not rep the views of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Their opinion,
he states, can only be ascertained by means of a plebiscite held among both
those who are present dwelling in the city and those who have taken refuge
elsewhere.

UNRWA Geneva
6 Mar 50

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~~SECRET~~ a MUFTI
At the end of last week organized and financed band blew up the police chief house in Ramallah as protest against Tj admin. As result the ARAB LEGION raided the hq of this organization at Bir Zeit and seized 6 tons of explosives, new radio equipment and other mil supplies. LEICOH, which has been seeking pretext for some time to take action against the members of this band, has now decided to treat them as criminals and not as political offenders.

State 25 608h
Amman
19 Jan 49

Personnel of Mufti hq at Bir Zeit which was attacked by the ARAB LEGION withdrew behind the Iraqi lines, as they form a part of the forces in the Iraqi-held triangle of Pal.

IN 222h5
20 Jan 49

Private Secretary: Uthman HADDAD.

RLB 967
SO-22299 C-2
Jan Feb 49

See cards on 'Abd-al-Rahman MURAD and Sheikh Hasan ABU-SA'UD.

ADHERENTS *MISC-1* **EGYPT**
PSLETINE

Abd al-Rahman has exerted pressure on the MUFTI to obtain reconciliation with ALAMI and others. ALAMI, Auni Bey HADI, Hussein KHALIDI, and Farid MAQDADI of the Jerusalem Arab Office are now meeting in Jerusalem under the aegis of QUWWATLI, presumably prior to proceeding to Cairo for a meeting with the MUFTI. Since the Arab Offices have now been taken over by the Arab League it is expected that ALAMI will resume his role in Pal politics. Baile MAQDADI, standing to lose importance by reconciliation, has gone to Cairo to try to influence the MUFTI against such a move. Reconciliation is significant as an opening for more moderate views regarding the future of Pal.

See document for Jewish Agency analysis (Internal Report) of the Mufti's reactions to ARAB LEAGUE decisions, etc.

See report for JEWISH AGENCY's analysis of declining HUSAYNI influence.

On 5 Dec a number of prominent Lebanese Moslems and a group of MUFTI supporters met at a Moslem Orphanage and discussed the staging of demonstrations in Beirut, Tripoli and Sidon to demand the resumption of fighting in Pal. Dr. BARGHUT, Muhammad Shakir BAYDUN, Farid TAYYARA and Mahmud IDRISI were appointed to contact certain Moslem and Christian organizations to reach an agreement with them about staging these.

State 105
Jerusalem
29 Jan 48

RPJ 170
Jewish Agency
21 Jan 48

RPJ 246
Jewish Agency
19 Feb 48

RTR R37
6 Dec 48
SO-2048h
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... Cairo to Damascus. Met with Syrian government
and Farzi Qawqji.
rg

... reportedly trying to get Palestine on Najjadah on his side
on wa side of MUFTI.
rg

... that a great amount of arms has been received by MUFTI
... of Bedouin tribes of Anazi and Shammar for Arabs of
... They are delivered to Ishak DAWISH. During stay in
subject refused to receive BAGHDASH and Amir PAUR FAUR.
rg

... that the Mufti considers the Arab cause in Palestine lost
... the British.
rg

... Apparently has abandoned a ...
rg

NY Times
3 Febru

RLB-165
Lo. Loco

RLB-178
Lo. Loco

RLB-105
Lo. Loco

... subject has now become the official representative
... at the Arab League and will attend all League meetings
...
rg

... ing Beirut from Jerusalem said there is strong feeling
... various groups of Arab leaders against the MUFTI and the
... ally. The Arab leaders are now requesting that the forces of
... be allowed to occupy all Arab parts of Palestine, forcing
... surrender. The HUSAYNI groups oppose this as they believe
... should thus annex Palestine to Trans-Jordan and bring about
...
rg

... of the Special Commission for Pal (former Supreme Council
... the Arab League. An uneasy accord exists between members of
... lical Party now in Damascus (who are supported by QAWUJI,
... and the Damascus Committee for the Defense of Pal). The Mufti
... and is negotiating for the replacement of Subhi
...
rg

FBI B-250
18 Febru

NY Times
18 Jan. 1947

RLB-3954
9 Apr 47

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EGYPT, etc.

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Reported that subject has begun to organize his own levies of volunteers in Lebanon. His emissaries are discreet and wish to keep the matter confidential. 8 March 1948

Subject and Arab Higher Executive Headquarters have moved to Damascus, A-100 31 March 1948

Subject attended conference held in Damascus on 5 May attended by QUNATTILI, Nuri Sa'ad, S&L Prims, TI For. Min. and Defense Mins of S&L and Iraq. Subject resigned later. Serious divergence of views arose over latest American proposal for Truce and prolongation of mandate for 10 days. At above conference, Nurti was ignored by all parties. He had previously sent Dr. Rushdi to ABDULLAH to prepare the way for a reconciliation, but QUNATTILI has since advised him against meeting with ABDULLAH. Subject has now summoned all of his loyal Syrian supporters to Damascus in order to discuss their attitude toward ABDULLAH and the possibility of forming an Arab Gov. in Pal.

Ismaq DANWISH, nephew of subject, stated that subject had received a threatening letter from Amr in which states that if subject continues to work against ABDULLAH and O S scheme he and his followers will be murdered. Believe letter was instigated by ABDULLAH to intimidate NUTTI I. 12 APR 48 14 Mar 48

Subject's exclusion of NUTTI from peace talks at Amman seen as AL... 2 Jun 48

Head of Arab Office, London, reports that NUTTI no longer has influence - Nasa ALAMI is rapidly assuming leadership of... London to State 2469 - con... 4 Jun 48

Correspondent understands that "Amin al-Husaini, arrived by Beirut from Cairo yesterday afternoon. HEBU-24 Press for...

Subject arrived in Cairo from Beirut. FEB 15 Jun 48

Subject arrived in Damascus a few days ago and appears to be very much concerned about his personal safety. He does not stay in the house... for him by the Syrian Govt. He sometimes sleeps in the house... Bay and sometimes at the Saudi Arabian Legation. Ismaq... subject's nephew and private secretary, says subject... assassination is greater threat from supporters of King Abdullah than from the Zionists. 12 May 48

Subject called on Grand FEARON during his visit to Beirut 13 Jun. They reviewed the Palestine question. HEBU-25 Telegram 10 Jun 48

**POOR QUALITY DOCUMENT
SEE 201 FOLDER FOR HARDCOPY**

HUSAYNI, Hajj Amin

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EGYPT, etc.

In early June subject sent a team of 9 liaison officers to Gaza from Egypt, were under Amin AKL and were to make preparations for later arrival in Gaza of the MUFTI. Egyptian military governor of Gaza, acting on Cairo instructions, at first tried to cooperate with MUFTI's mission and opened sides with Amin AKL in activities which broke out between mission and local population, esp. Jaffa refugees. Shortly after MUFTI's mission was forced to return to Cairo as result of persistent opposition and threats of violence from Jaffa refugees who were backed by majority of Gaza population. After conclusion of truce MUFTI returned representatives in Southern Pal to proceed to Cairo and those in Northern Pal to Damascus, to receive Cairo instructions; orders passed via MUFTI's wireless station operating at Ain Siria on Jerusalem-Haifa highway in Jerusalem and Gaza. MUFTI appears to have exercised some influence over IKRAMAN members not serving in Egyptian army in Pal; latter have been putting out propaganda claiming MUFTI inspired that if Pal fails to resist its absorption by British Imperialism is inevitable. MUFTI's relations with IKRAMAN in Syria and Lebanon also reported good. Jamil MARI, Iraqi Minister to Transjordan, said privately that Nazim Pascha and his staff have recently shown greater sympathy for MUFTI's plans. MUFTI's influence gaining in those parts of Pal now occupied by TRANSJORDAN. MUFTI is consistently active in Transjordan, in Beirut, in Damascus, and in other parts of the Arab world.

ML 6454
IN 47248
23 July 48

... MUFTI and arrived in Transjordan have been ... MUFTI has been inciting ... with the aim of assassinating ... a notable from Jerusalem.

FBIS Voice of 19
14 July 48

... private irregular force numbering between 1000 and 3000 ... in Pal.

MA Beirut
GR 166 CM IN 200
In 48104
16 July 48

... the 16 July meeting of the Pal Com of the ARAB LEAGUE at ... decision was made to accept the cease fire; declared that the ... is regrettable and that the Pal people would continue the

CEL 6782
IN 48576
23 July 48

... proposed truce from beginning; still insists on following conditions: 1) abolition of Israel; 2) cessation of Jewish immigration; 3) Jews to decide own future; 4) Jews who have acquired legal Pal citizenship to remain and all other to be turned out; 5) no solution to be reached unless approved by MUFTI's own version of the ARAB HIGHER EXEC. MUFTI has declared if Arab states are induced by Britain to acknowledge independence of Arab Pal to Transjordan or to tolerate Israel, he is firmly resolved to stir up Arab populations against their rulers. MUFTI has been expending money and effort to maintenance of own guerrillas in Pal; first ... gathered a number of guerrilla leaders in Damascus and procured ... equipment and ammunition; during following week paid LL 8000 to

ML 6589

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NUSAYBI, Hajj Amin

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NUSAYBI, Hajj Amin, Damascus rep of MUFTI, has 12,700 to Khalil BISHARA, Hajj Amin's representative of Arab Liberation. Told Hajj Amin that the Arab League cut down its monthly allocation to him to 100,000. In early June delegation representing MUFTI left Damascus to raise money and disseminate propaganda in Iraq. Iraq and all 5 members of delegation were prominent IKRAM members. Hajj Amin and Yusuf HAKKAL visited Lebanon to urge Pal notables to go to Amman for election of members of pro-Arab Pal office, an anti-MUFTI body intended to replace the UNRWA. Unsuccessful; HAKKAL formed committee of Pal youth to make Amman in Lebanon and Pal against the MUFTI.

Met the Turkish Minister to Lebanon (Celal Abicoglu) and his son Yunis Bey; the Turkish Minister to Syria; and President of the latter's residence to discuss the possibility of making a treaty for defense against 'ABDALLAH by terms which Turkey would retain her independence, would support Hajj AMIN as Chief of a Palestine Republic preventing ABDALLAH from creating Greater Syria.

2 June 1948

The MUFTI and his followers are very much concerned about QANUQI's propaganda against him and the newly formed Arab Govt in Pal, composed of a majority of the MUFTI's followers. MUFTI believes that the death of QANUQI was arranged by QANUQI. Syrian govt has reports that the MUFTI has hired Bashir TUQAN and Subhi Qadir SHAHIN of Pal to murder QANUQI; these two came to Damascus and proceeded to village of Kutayn in Pal to carry out deed. Propaganda is increasing in Damascus in favor of an Arab temporary govt in Pal composed mainly of followers of the MUFTI. This is favored by Shabab MOHAMMAD and ISTIQLAL societies.

Qanujji and Qawaji have arrived at a "provisional" agreement over the control and formation of a new Liberation Army.

MUFTI's independent recruiting drive among Pal refugees got off to disappointing start 1 Aug.

Qanujji has been hurriedly summoned to Egypt following discovery in Damascus of a "provisional" agreement between Qanujji and Qawaji.

RUB 540
21 July 48

Dam to State
500, 7 Aug 48
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State 501-1165
Damascus
4 Aug 48

In Lebanon

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Subject intends to set up an organized force in Palestine. Maintains he can already provide 5000 men fully armed (probably Palestinians trained at Qatanah) and will recruit others from Pal and surrounding states. On 21 July MUFTI induced by Leb Def Min to meet QANQUAJI at Aley; MUFTI proposed QANQUAJI join forces with him in re irregular warfare. QANQUAJI agreed. Network of agents and informers previously maintained by MUFTI in Pal and Levant seriously dislocated by hostilities. At present chief agents are Sadeddin AREF (Jerusalem), Ali Muheddin HUSAYNI (Jericho), Faisal NABLUS (Nablus), Shaikh 'Abd-al-Raj ARAFI (Hebron), 'Abd-al-Afu AMIN (Jenin). Liaison officers between MUFTI and followers in Pal are Munir 'Abd-al-FADEL, Qassem RIMAWY, Ibrahim Abu-DIYA and Khalid HUSAYNI.

IN 10922
WEL 7281
23 Aug 48

MUFTI proposed that the Arab states officially declare their neutrality while secretly inciting the people to action but had no solution to offer as to how to obtain arms for this program.

IN 10919
WEL 7280
23 Aug 48

MUFTI made a violent attack on HASHEMITES in Sadeq Mosque in Jerusalem, calling them slaves of British imperialism, naming ABDULLAH as the chief agent and the man responsible for Pal catastrophe. Abused HAGUE Political Committee for accepting truce. MUFTI recently went to Iraq as guest of ex-premier Muhammad SADR to work against HASHEMITES; QUNWATLI asked him to postpone visit, on ground that Iraqi premier holds same views and is working hard for Pal cause.

RLB
IN 10920
WEL 7281
16 Aug 48

MUFTI recently sent a rep to IBN SAUD with instructions to remind him of aid given him by the MUFTI during the war with the Yemen. Rep was to suggest to IBN SAUD that he reciprocate in kind, if present, then at some time his plans are put into effect.

RPJ
IN 10921
WEL 7281
5 May 48

MUFTI has sent 5 followers to Transjordan 1) to establish close contact with MUSLEM BROTHERHOOD reps; 2) to create active cells among Pal Arab youth; 3) to stir up trouble and spread anti-ABDULLAH sentiment with a view to diverting ABDULLAH's attention from Pal. Three of these reps are: Mustafa KASIM of Tulkarm; Shaikh Ibrahim DAHISH of Hebron; and Abu DIKAR of Safad. Following are MUFTI's agents in Old City: Yatif FAYYID of Saba; Fares IBBISH; Shukri ABYAD, a Christian from Hebron area. These are said to be insignificant villagers who are more or less ignored by Arab forces. A small number of British officers, specially trained in guerrilla warfare, has recently arrived in Pal and they are now instructing numerous MUFTI-organized Arab gangs located throughout Pal. They suppose to instruct Arabs in guerrilla tactics - part of MUFTI's plan for liberation in Pal.

IN 10922
WEL 7281
26 Aug 48

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...the has increasingly supported the
...paper, Al Manar, published veiled pro-Sov-
...to coincide with the rumored visit of
...to Turkey, about 26 July 1948. Report of visit
...confirmed; this is not first rumor of
...ings with Soviets. I believe he recently
...the Russian Legation officials in Beirut.
...made by Wilfred KIRKPATRICK, British

State A-229-1401
Damascus
30 Aug 48

...were called in by President QUNAWAT
...and their feud and come to an
...the war in Palestine. The Hatt
...permitted but his authority is
...and he wants more support

RAD-AC
3 August

...by SUFI and others in Cairo
...to take in

RAD-AC
Blair/H

...There are indications that the
...will be known as the REGULAR ARMY OF THE PA
...supported covertly by the ARAB LEADERS
...could be continued in this way without

...were previously were being up court
...have now degenerated into ineffective
...forces stated that he
...in their own interests, using
...looting, plundering, etc.
...was one
...of Syria
...officers in
...former King
...superior to

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21 Aug 48

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MISC EGYPT

MUFTI, Haj Amin

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... assignment of acceptance of cease fire by ARAB LEAGUE; decided to
... guerrilla warfare in Pal. Intends to set up hq in Bethlehem.
... receive money, arms and equipment from Arab states. Maintains
... provide 5000 men fully armed (probably Palestinians trained at
... will recruit others from Pal and surrounding areas. On 21 July
... induced by Lab Min of Defence to meet QANUQJI at Alay. MUFTI
... that QANUQJI join forces in conducting irregular warfare in Pal;
... willingly agreed. Net of agents and informers previously maintained
... Pal and Levant states has been seriously dislocated by recent
... Chief agents are: Jerusalem; Saadeddin ARIF; Jericho; Ali
... HANANI; Habbas; Faisal HANLUS; Hebron; Shaikh Abdul Haj ARAFI;
... Ali ARIN. Liaison officers between MUFTI and his followers
... Abdus ABU FARIL, Qassab RIMANI, Ibrahim ABU DIYA, Khalid HUSAYNI.

WEL 7291
17 Aug 48
Cov Tried source

... has accepted formation of Prov Pal Admin on lines approved by ARAB
... Pal Com. Accepted that this govt be under presidency of Ahmad

FBIS Beirut
15 Sept 48

... Colonel, Nikolai NOVIKOV, told Akram ZU'AYTIR and Raja'i
... the middle of August at a meeting at Hama that he hoped
... MUFTI secretly either in Cairo or Damascus.

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... on 23 Sept renounced announcement of formation of Pal Arab govt as
... and list of cabinet members as tentative. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Higher
... member of ARAB LEAGUE on 23 Sept stated that formation of govt
... not official without his (MUFTI) approval which is being withheld.

MA Cairo
JOINT MEMO
241334Z
26 Sept 48

... present on Pal territory for first time since 1936 when he attended
... 30 Sept meeting at Gaza of Arab National Congress.

MA Cairo
RFT JOINT MEMO
CM IN 444
1 Oct 48

... evidence exists that Egypt is sponsoring or assisting the MUFTI or
... Arab govt. NOKRASHI's statement that he would not facilitate the
... activities seems borne out by the fact that the MUFTI departed
... for Gaza on a chartered plane even though Egyptian Army planes
... daily to Gaza. (Senior British Embassy officials concur in this
... suggesting that KIRKBRIDE sees all events in Pal through pree
... spectacles.) MUFTI reportedly possesses \$200,000, collected
... from South American sources, for Arab govt.

State 4439 930
Cairo
3 Oct 48

... Cairo reporting conversation with TJ Minister who stated re
... Govt of Pal that indications are that MUFTI and company are making
... in Pal. Apart from 10,000 refugees in TJ who have been pro
... against establishment of govt, following persons have come out

State 4385 1264
London
4 Oct 48

... Yusuif HANAL, Sulayman FOUQAN, Mohammed Ali JANARI, Issa
... TUKARIE, Dr A KHALED. Minister stated Egyptian Army at Gaza
... MUFTI and govt. (London comment: Minister is produced source.)

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HUBAYWI, Hajj Amin

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... was received on 26 Sept by Mokrashi Pasha in the latter's
office of the Interior Min. Subject stated discussion, which lasted
1 1/2 hours, dealt with recent developments of Pal situation and the
setting up of Pal Arab Govt.

FBIB Cairo
26 Sept 48

... and Hasan BANNA, President of IHHAN in Egypt, are pressing
Mokrashi Pasha to release the munitions, which they believe are held
at the Barracks, Cairo. BANNA was in close touch with the MUFTI
at the meetings of the ARAB HIGHER EXECUTIVE in Alexandria in Sept.

IN 131212
WEL 7818 -2
1 Oct 48
SO 176919

... was elected president of the Arab National Assembly by unanimous
vote of the 83 members present at the meeting at Gaza.

FBIB Paris
30 Sept 48

... to MUFTI supporters in other areas to rally to Gaza as soon as
possible. Lorries... by Egyptian troops have arrived in Bethlehem carrying
ammunition which are being distributed to anti-HASHEMITE elements. A
group of irregulars is established near Ramallah and in 1936 style is
raising money and recruits from villages and holding courts of justice
in the name of MUFTI's name. Definite attempt being made, according to KIRK-
... to create disturbed conditions in Pal area occupied by TI forces.

State 4312 10107
London
29 Sept 48

... attended a meeting... (or Sayyid Muhammad QUMI), founder of the Society, opposed
MUFTI's membership on the grounds that it contradicted the aims of the
Society, which were to keep clear of politics or any tendencies of bias
against other countries. The majority of those in attendance approved
QUMI's objection. Shortly after the meeting QUMI called on subject,
explained the aims of the Society and added that he had the same idea
some years ago but that circumstances had prevented the putting into effect
of his ideas. He asked QUMI's reasons for opposing his membership and
QUMI, in turn, agreed but stated that his acceptance would win over all the
members of Pal. QUMI's reluctance considered genuine; only after matter
was discussed with the Society's members again was MUFTI's membership finally
approved. See report for details on Society, its aims, etc.

... Embassy Cairo cable of 8 Oct states that while MUFTI is under
police supervision, he is not under house arrest. He will not be
permitted to reenter Pal from Egypt. CHAPMAN-ANDREWS comments that when
of the MUFTI's return becomes known this "will surely weaken
and put FARUQ and the Egyptian govt unequivocally in opposite
positions to that of MUFTI".

State 4453 3618
London
11 Oct 48

... Syria has dropped the MUFTI although TI supports Arab Govt.
... course indicates that Syria is cooperating to prevent
... MUFTI's return to Gaza.

DM Damascus
61 211 4348
23 Oct 48

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returned to Cairo on 7 Oct where he conferred with Egyptian
and with the Iraqi Premier, Muzamir Amin PACHACHI. 778 Oct

has claimed Andrews. Subject's surprise return due to recall by Cairo
and reported promised asylum if subject refrains from political
Subject's participation in Palestine govt & as leader of 1468
Assembly at Gaza contrary to promise. Sources close to 2-5
state his return to Gaza "indefinite".

has issued certain statements giving subject FBI
and the right to veto any decisions adopted by the 5 D

and ASLAM Pasha had a meeting on 11 Oct at which FBI
in opposition of ARHMAN to the Gaza govt and the 12
of non-approval by the ARAB LEAGUE of a loan to the Gaza govt.

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Mr. Amin

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PALESTINE

In late August Sa'id ZA'IM, Muhammad Ali MYYIK, Nassuh BUKHARI, and Ahmad Fasih al-HAWI visited with the Mufti at Bhandun with purpose of getting him to come to an agreement with King ABDALLAH and the British. The Mufti would not consider this, calling ABDALLAH a British stooge and swearing that ABDALLAH will never rule a foot of Lebanese territory.

13 Sept 48

The MUFTI is starting a new campaign to recruit Arabs to be used in breaking the truce, and to undertake propaganda to undermine ABDALLAH's prestige and force withdrawal of Arab Legion from Palestine. A partisan army in Palestine is projected which could fight without legally breaking truce, give time for reorganizing regular forces. Also, such an army would force Jews to spread forces and hence would weaken them.

12 Aug 48 C-3

Spokes close to MUFTI state that the latter is now convinced that Arab army effectiveness is now destroyed, that partition is accomplished, and Jewish state is a fact. His future line is to spread hatred between Arab army and Arab League by organizing of military units. He will devote much time to combating communist threat.

State 1567 3588
Cairo

Subject's presence in USA was so unwanted by the Egyptians that they forced him to return to Cairo escorted by Egyptian officer. His activities are being increasingly regarded in the Arab League as of an intriguing nature and hampering concerted Arab League action in Palestine. IZZAM Pasha spoke unfavorably of his activities.

19 Oct 48 C-3

Subject has denied that he sent an envoy to London to negotiate with British govt re recognition of Gaza govt, against his accepting the BERRADOTE Plan and recognizing the Israeli govt.

FBIHQ Sharq
22 Nov 48

Muhammad Bay HADIN and Khalid HALBUNI state that FARUQ is fully aware that the MUFTI is contacting the Soviet Embassy in Cairo through SULTANOV. MUFTI is trying to get Russian aid to save Pal from partition, promising Soviets he will try to persuade Arabs to side with USSR in coming war. Egyptian govt has found documents showing MUFTI's Soviet contacts and indicates that he intended to go secretly to USSR or satellites. FARUQ, because of this and other justified reasons, has ordered MUFTI placed under strict surveillance and any action taken, legal or otherwise, necessary to prevent leaving Egypt.

RLB 776
17 Nov 48 P-6

Subject condemned resolutions of Jericho Conference and appealed for a cessation of effort for liberation of Pal and maintenance of unity among Arabs. Accused ABDULLAH to yielding to imperialism.

FBIHQ
14 Dec 48

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relative as they have not been said and as the MUFTI always insists that all jobs with any kind of salary be given to members of the MUSAYHI family. More than 3 weeks ago the MUFTI asked to see King FARUQ but he was not seen granted an audience. On advice from Baghdad (from the Egyptian Minister) King FARUQ instructed his Prime Min to keep the MUFTI under close surveillance; guards on the MUFTI were doubled and his lieutenants were gradually to be told that the presence in Egypt was no longer desirable; in this way they were to be forced out of the country.

WEL 10905 contd
RTI 378
Turk. businessman
5 Apr 47 B-2

A recent visitor in the Cairo home of the Secretary of the MUFTI reported that there was constant discussion there of the MUFTI's association with the Soviets. The visitor also states that funds are being supplied by the Soviets but in such small amounts as to keep the Sec only in pocket money and that the MUFTI and his Sec appear at present to have no other regular sources of income.

The Iraqi Leg in Cairo has informed the Egyptian govt of a plot by the MUFTI to assassinate ABDULLAH. The Iraqis claim that the MUFTI is using his sojourn in Egypt to plot against TJ and that he is now working against Egypt's interests. They claim they have evidence that the plot from confessions of the participants. The Egyptian Prime Min expects ABDULLAH to demand the MUFTI's extradition.

WEL 11210
IN 29267 -3

Amil GHURI and the MUFTI's private secretary Sec. were in Beirut to meet from Lebanon to avoid being handed over to Transjordan authorities. They were accused of plotting against ABDULLAH's life. Sec. was arrested by the Lebanese police but succeeded in fleeing to Egypt before the date of their extradition.

RTI 12141
21 Mar 47

The Syrian Government has approved of Subject's request that Palestinian volunteers be incorporated into the Syrian Army. Khalid MUSAYHI, Amil GHURI and Khalid MUSAYHI are in Damascus in charge of organizing Subjects adherents in Damascus.

RLR-1228
2 May 47
30 21078

Subject, who is getting tired of being constantly under surveillance in Egypt, is trying to take refuge in Syria, if he can do so without losing the confidence of the Egyptians. Following the murder of MUSAYHI Subject's mail and telephone conversations have been watched and funds collected by his supporters in Pakistan and South America have been confiscated.

RLR-1258
25 May 47

Subject has asked ZA'IM, through Amil GHURI, for permission to enter Syria which ZA'IM granted, as he wished to use Subject as a weapon against ABDULLAH. Amil GHURI gave ZA'IM a letter from Subject which stated that Subject would place from 15-20,000 Palestinian soldiers at ZA'IM's disposal to fight in the Syrian Army provided that their officers will be from the regular Syrian Army. Subject's stock has risen in Palestine after ABDULLAH offered part of the Arab triangle to Israel. Subject is collecting information on the Palestine war through Ibrahim ABU-DIYA and Khalid MUSAYHI.

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MUFTI, Hajj Amin

DISCUSSES PALESTINE GOVERNMENT

(Note)

The NY, French Press Service, Radioteletype in French to New York May 22, 1949, 7:10 a.m. EST-- reports from Cairo that the Mufti of Palestine and Palestine Arab leaders have opened negotiations with the Arab League for the revival of an independent Government of Palestine with its capital at Gaza. They point out that the effective establishment of such a State, which has existed only theoretically since the end of 1948, was hindered since the Government decided to send all Palestine refugees now in Egypt to the Gaza region.

Address: 101 El Anaf St., Helwan, Cairo.

MUFTI has arrived in Jidda en route to Egypt.

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101 El Anaf
20-5-49

MUFTI, Hajj Amin

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While Munif HUSAYNI and Amir GHURI were in Damascus (reaching an agreement with ZA'IM whereby ZA'IM would take 2000 Pal Arab soldiers into the Syrian Army) 6 Germans and 3 Yugoslavs, who are specialists in manufacture, mortar bombs, heavy artillery shells and all types of ammunition and mines, arrived to join Germans already in Syria. These 9 were sent by the MUFTI; another group to arrive soon, incl 2 aviators who became acquainted with the MUFTI when he was in Germany. Raja'i GHURI, brother of Amir GHURI, left Beirut on 1 June for Damascus carrying two messages from the MUFTI in Cairo addressed to ZA'IM and to AMIR ARSIAN. Jamal HUSAYNI is now accredited to the MUFTI (see Jamal HUSAYNI). Jamal HUSAYNI

NY 1075
2 June 49

Jamal HUSAYNI agreed, when asked by IBN SAUD, to become head of the AHE, replacing the MUFTI, on the condition that the MUFTI tell the ARAB LEAGUE that he had given up politics. The MUFTI replied to a communication, following Jamal HUSAYNI's visit to IBN SAUD, from IBN SAUD stating that the responsibility for the loss of Pal rested not with himself but with ABDULLAH and the ARAB LEAGUE which supported him. "I advised the Arab leaders to refrain from supporting King ABDULLAH but my word was not heeded." Stated he had been prevented from engaging in politics and is still prevented. Asked IBN SAUD to intervene with the responsible leaders to permit MUFTI to resume activities.

NY 1076
27 May 49

SECURITY INFORMATION

The Lebanese CP asked Ahmad TAMM, Haifa politician who receives a salary from the AHE as one of the MUFTI's assistants, to act as intermediary with the MUFTI in an offer on the part of the CP for collaboration. TAMM told TAMM they would provide the MUFTI with LP 150,000 per month for arms necessary for his fighters (i.e., enough assistance to assure the MUFTI's followers support and collaborate with the CPs throughout the Arab world. Apprised of this offer, the MUFTI categorically refused to have anything to do with the Communists, to whom he wished to incur no obligations.

29 June 49

AMM, accordg to GLENN Pasha, is to tell a WORLD ISLAMIC CONGRESS (such) in Mecca in this year's Mecca pilgrimages, in mid-Oct. The Congress of honor reportedly will be subject and motions will be carried regarding the union of Pal and Jordan. An alternative suggestion is that the Congress will call on FAROUK to rule Pal and that possibly FAROUK will name the MUFTI as his Viceroy. Efforts to confirm this have failed.

State A-63 3267
Amman
19 July 49

Receipt query received re following, from Intelligence Div, Hq Eur Army: There is a rumor that Adnan el. ARD, accredited Syrian newspaper correspondent engaged in illegal activity in the US Zone of Occupation. In 1945 or 1946 performed a service for the US State Dept (arranging the return of subject from Paris to Cairo) and as a reward for his service his accreditation as correspondent had been recommended by the State Dept. Credence is given to this rumor by the fact that a separate report of high evaluation located subject in Vienna in 1947 for the purpose of locating and obtaining the MUFTI's archives.

State A-162 4109
Heidelberg
22 Aug 49

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PALESTINE

... SA to participate in annual Hajj as part of Hajj 1950 but ... have himself requested such Hajj invitation be extended to ... Hajj was reluctantly forced to do. Reportedly, the MUFTI's ... SA is to gain SAQ support for Uasa govt; no confirmation ... particularly active in spreading this rumor. While ... truth, Jidda does not believe SAQ currently is prepared ... further support of Uasa govt. While performing Hajj, MUFTI ... been kept under the strictest surveillance. Apart from ... he was permitted to attend Hajj Majlis each day but in ... quarters and virtually confined there. Now under- ... Hajj. British are known to have queried Yusuf YASSIN ... MUFTI may be somewhat disillusioned over prospects of ... MUFTI has already requested permission to depart. MUFTI has ... to accept position in Royal Council; Jamal's resist- ... weakening. Embassy is inclined to suspect that Hajj suspicion ... to his known esteem for Jamal, all the more so ... differences between Hajj and subject is apparently growing.

State 600 6600
18 Oct 49

... of the Argentine Arab community, who arrived in Cairo recently, ... contribution to the MUFTI from the Arab community notables ... relief.

THIS Dangerous
22 Oct 49.

MUFTI, Hajj Amin

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PALESTINE

... alliance now publicly suggested by DANALIBI, Syrian Min of National Economy, was previously recommended by Syrian supporters of the MUFTI and by Syrian MUSLEM BROTHERHOOD, which has gone all out in endorsing DANALIBI's thesis. Rapidly increasing numbers and influence of the BROTHERHOOD and past extremism of it and the MUFTI indicate that the threat is not an idle warning to the west.

14 Damascus
WEEK 15 CL 100
CV IV 1000
15 Apr 50

... states that Ma'raf DANALIBI, Syrian Minister of National Economy, ... very good terms with subject and that he is acting under instructions ... subject. A different source states that DANALIBI, who until now has ... supported by the Syrian army, talked to SHIBHAKLI and to ... other officers and suggested closer collaboration between the Syrian ... and the subject. This proposal, together with DANALIBI's subsequent pro-Soviet ... has frightened the army and they are now very uneasy about DANALIBI.

90-39669
501; P-1
Order 18 April
1950

... (Taschen--Israel-radio). Subject held a long conference last week with ... al-TAL. They decided to resort to violence, as they were ... that the Arab League would give in to King 'ABDALLAH's annexation ... Arab Palestine. (See card on al-TAL for details).

FBI: No.
13 May 1950

Haji Amin

P. 31.

SO-4Flh5; Sec. 16 May 1940

Document for text of open letter to subject, distributed among the Palestinian refugees under the name of "The Military Organization for the Liberation of Palestine".

Khalil Jadallah al-ANBATAWI, a Pal & former newsmen, told source that Egyptian officials and Grand Mufti had agreed that the Moslem Brotherhood would turn its full attention on Israel. Egypt would make money and available so that the Moslem Bros. could begin harassing the Jews. Making the Brotherhood for such purpose would forestall charges of any one country having violated the armistice. This Mos Brotherhood action would be out of Syria. (F.C.:Source regards this report as rumor, but felt that he should know of it and see if there is any background for it there.)

H.R.-2126
11 Sep 50

Subject has received an invitation from the Permanent Islamic Congress in Karachi to preside over its meetings to be held late in 1950. Invitation arranged by 'Ali Akbar Pasha when he was Egyptian Min to Pakistan. Subject complained that Govt. had sent money to Dr. Soliman Azmi Pasha, Pres. of the Relief Committee, for the Arab refugees. The Pakistan Govt then sent subject £ 35,000. Although Pal. is of that subject diverted money to his own pocket, Pakistan sent a further £ 55,000. Subject has persuaded the Pakistan Govt that he is interested in the Islamic Unity preached by Ghadri KHALIQUE-AMAN during his visit to Egypt.

Prior to 24 Aug 50 SC-47757

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Haji Amin

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reconciliation betw SUBJ and King 'ABDULLAH. During recent AL in Cairo, members of the Jordanian delegation contacted some of SUBJ's followers. Ahmad HILMI and 'Abdullah TAL asked Jordanian delegates to meet with King 'ABDULLAH so they might be allowed to return to 'ABDULLAH stated he wd welcome in Jordan not only HILMI and any who wanted to go there but even SUBJ.

SO-60277
REL-18104
Jan 51

Subject wrote to Kamal HADDAD of the Arab Higher Exec. in Tripoli advising him to remain in Tripoli in order to oppose al-QAWUQJI's candidacy for a seat in Lebanese Parliament during national elections. Subject authorized HADDAD to use the money toward this end. QAWUQJI has completed his election and they werestolen one night and copied by Amil GHURI, who forwarded the copy to Cairo Hqs. Cairo sent copy to Subject in Karachi.

DIR-9470
7 March 51

Subject is prolonging stay in Karachi because followers are engaging in raising funds for him in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Indonesia. Subject wishes to receive this money before leaving Karachi. Subject has indicated that he hoped, with British help, to return to Palestine. According to source it is current rumor among Palestinian Arabs that Subject will settle in Palestine again, with permission of 'ABDULLAH.

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has turned up in Cairo where he has been received by Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah al-Din Bey.

FBI
Jeru
18 May 51

arrived Damascus from Cairo on 16 May 51. [redacted] in contact with SUBJ, says purpose of trip is to discuss with Syrian leaders the Arab-Israeli flareup.

IN-17890
17 May 51

arrived in Damascus.

FBI
Damascus
16 May 51

of Moslem Brotherhood in Egypt.

SO-61880
RIS-6888
1 Feb 51

Damascus 4 Jun 51 whence will proceed to Cairo. Planned to leave July 51 or Aug. While in Mafu stated that he had talked with officials re recruiting 15,000 Pal. refugees into Syrian Army. Also re settling refugees in Syria. Seemed very opposed to settling refugees out of Lebanon and into Syria. Opposed to settling refugees in Syria. Made anti Arab-League statements, called for withdrawal of League from Syria. He has been approached by "high-ranking" British officials for cooperation in event of an invasion of Syria.

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left Damascus [redacted] and present whereabouts unknown.

IN-17890
29 Jul 51
Control 3345

According to Thabit Bey Khalidi, SUBJ and 'Abdullah TAL are implicated in assassination of King 'ABDULLAH.

IN-17890 17863
29 Jul 51

in liaison with SP.

IN-12376
SO-67372
9 Jul 51

confirmed secret contact betw. SUBJ and Prince TALAL of Jordan has been going on for more than 2 yrs.

IN-17890
31 Jul 51

SHIRAKLI, Ibn SA'UD, Prime Min. Mafus of Egypt have agreed to cession of Jordan and Arab Pal. to Syria, subject to approval of Britain and U.S.

SO-70011
RIS-2710
IN-21006
13 Aug 51

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MAFI AND ARAB T. MR. [unclear]

Jerusalem (Israel), in Hebrew, Israel and the Near East, Aug. 26, 1952,
GIB-1

(Excerpts)

In Cairo last night the former Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husayni, appealed to the Arab Kings and Presidents to try to end the court proceedings in Amman against those accused of taking part in the plot to assassinate King Abdullah. In his appeal, the Mufti described the plot as sponsored by the British. He asked the Arab countries to transmit the appeal to the U.N. Committee on Human Rights."

... Haj Amin al-Husayni, who works for SUBJ arrived in Beirut on 12 August while there he revealed that SUBJ was carrying on considerable correspondence with [unclear] of Iran.

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MAFI. Haj Amin

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H.L.B.-2778

... says SUBJ is receiving Soviet money through Soviet agents and will actually become a tool of USSR.

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c sept 5

... suggestion Mullah KASHANI of Iran may call Muslim Conference (like one held in February in Karachi) to be held in Tehran in Fall of 1953. SUBJ has stated he will attend and he has been guaranteed full protection by KASHANI. Necessary travel permits for his entourage. In source's opinion Soviet Union is KASHANI, SUBJ, and their Muslim followers to take over Iran rather than the present communist Tudeh Party.

H.L.B.
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... allegedly sympathetic to plot to rid Arab Legion of its commander, GLUBS PASHA.

H.L.B.-3795

17 Sep 51

... of World Muslim Conference will meet in Karachi in February 1952. SUBJ is expected to preside.

W. [unclear]

Karachi

29 Sep 51

... Haj Amin al-Husayni, much of the money which SUBJ says he gets from Pakistan is actually from the Soviet Union. ABU-DAYYI says Muhammad ALI JINNAH knows this and wants it kept secret.

H.L.B.
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...agitation to refugee camps in Lebanon inciting
...to refuse to enter hutment housing in lieu of available tents
...to concentrate for repatriation. Mufti's aim might conceivably
...Arab attitude at Paris FCC meeting. Local refugee groups are
...being for representation at Paris.

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...ing to Amir GHURI. GHU is anticipating serious trouble between Britain and
...and therefore is considering moving his hqs. to Karachi, Pakistan where he
...is out of British reach. Has been invited to Pakistan previously. GHU
...in Pakistan he will be able to assume more active discussion of the
...brotherhood and will be free to attack the Arab League. GHU
...will be able to have closer contact with Muslim League in London
...in corresponding.

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...GHU, an Egyptian, was in al-Masri Air Force.
...GHU and HAJI...
...only look to be from GHU & GHU.

...GHU's terrorist organization are now pretty well organized.
...GHU, Amir al-Masri (Iraq), Amir GHU (Lib.), Amir
...and Amir al-Sunni (Jordan and Palestine). London
...former army officer, second in command in Palestinian forces.

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and not to Nuri SAID of Iraq. Mufti also gave ultimatum that Alsmi must acknowledge this or close bureaus.

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BAIBR and Henry PHARON, Lebanese minister foreign affairs, IN 11185
visited MUFTI 19 March. Mufti agreed with suggestion 22 MAR 47
of PHARON that Arab League submit Palestinian question]C-2
to UNO before England submits same. PHARON assured MUFTI all members
LEAGUE accept Iraq and Transjordan will support this move. MUFTI agreed
and plan will be submitted for formal voting shortly. Mufti also endorsed
plan suggested by PHARON that Arab League attempt win support
of Catholics throughout world against Jews. PHARON promised to direct
his diplomatic representatives abroad to attempt to secure this support
immediately. MUFTI also disclosed that ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE will not
cooperate with any new board of inquiry which British might send to
Palestine. All members of AHC except Doctor Hussein KHALDI are now in
Cairo and meeting MUFTI.

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VAC-103, 5-2
Etc. - 9 Jan. 1947

See background and description of Grand Mufti's "Arab
Plan" in VAC. 2 cards on Khalid el Husein and Khalid el Mutassar el Shaabia
ARABDI.

facts, and, and in French to the American
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(Text)

"Cairo--In the name of the Arab Higher Committee of Palestine, the
Grand Mufti of Palestine, Amin al-Husayni, sent a note to Egyptian
Prime Minister Nehas Pasha and the Secretariat of the Arab League,
asking that measures be taken to halt the emigration movement of Palestinians
to South America. In this note the Mufti of Palestine says that this
movement would harm the Arab cause because it would be a 'de facto'
recognition of Israel's seizure of the Arab assets of Palestine."

Prince Sa'if, Tawfiq Abu-al-Nada, Isma'il Bilbasi allegedly have carefully
selected and equipped a group of assassins to kill SUBJ.

SC-70455
IN-21932
15 Aug 61

AL-HAJ AMIN AL-FUSAYNI, the former Mufti of Palestine conferred with
Lebanese Premier Abdullah al-Yafi and Syrian Foreign Minister Faydhi al-
Atasi Bey to discuss the fate of the Arab refugees now living in Lebanon.
(Cairo, ANA, Sept. 2, 1951--K) 11/10

SUBJ left Karachi on 28 Apr 51 by air for Cairo via Dhahran. left FBIB, Damascus
 Cairo for Karachi at beginning of Feb 51 to preside over World Moslem 29 Apr 51
 Conference which was held in Karachi.

ELB-2565

While subject was still in Karachi, he sent 'Ali RUJDI to Cairo, Beirut and Damascus to deliver letters to several people, including Kamal HADDAD of the ARA in Tripoli, President Hashim al-ATASI, Prime Minister Khalid al-'AZM, Lt. Col. Adib SHISHAKLI, Maruf DAWILIBI, and Shaykh Mustafa SIRAI - all of Syria. While in Beirut, RUJDI stated that subject had not raised much money in Karachi but that he would obtain some before leaving. RUJDI also stated that Subject had become head of the Moslem Brotherhood on the basis of arrangements made at the Moslem Congress in Karachi. RUJDI said that subject will assume direct control of the organization and has indicated that it will not become a tool of the Soviet or the Communists. RUJDI stated that subject had been offered a Pakistani passport and a headquarters in Pakistan, but that he had refused, preferring to work out of Egypt.

Arab Higher Executive in Beirut has received word that SUBJ is pro- SO-60677
 leaving his stay in Karachi because some of his followers are engaged RLE-2481
 in raising funds for him in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Indonesia. SBJ 8 Mar 51
 wants to get this money before leaving Karachi. SUBJ has indicated in
 letter to Kamal HADDAD of ARA in Lebanon that he hoped, with British help,
 to return to Palestine. According to rumor among Pal. refugees, SUBJ
 will settle in Pal. again, with permission of King 'Abdullah of Jordan.

MUSAYNI, Hajj, Amin

Acc to GHURI, subject had expressed his approval of the present Govt in Syria ALB-2118
 and stated that he would give no assistance to QUWWATLI. Early Aug 50 SO-48334

Subject has selected Muhammad Nimr AWDAH to succeed Amin GHURI as the Mufti's ALB-2122
 chief rep in Leb. Prior to 7 Sep 50 SO-48464

 Has recently spent a month in the hospital of Najib Pasha (sic). He has recovered
 and is now in Cairo. He has sent Rafiq LABABIDI (qv) on a fact-finding mission to
 Syria and Leb., to study the refugee problem and find out what the refugees want to
 do. 20 Aug 50 WEL-16905 SO-48332

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Chaudri KHALIQUZZAMAN, then President of the Pakistan Moslem League, recently sent a mes-
 sage to subject, and inquired whether he would be willing to organize an Islamic confe-
 rence at Damascus, the president of which would be the Mufti himself. Subject, who was
 then ill, gave no reply, but is sound in opinion.
 Subject has already sent out invitations to other Arab countries to send reps to a
 conference to be held in Damascus with the object of creating an Arab PEOPLE'S LEAGUE
 which would act in opposition to the Arab League, considered by subject to be subservient
 to Western powers. WEL-16579 SO-46856 1, 23 July 50

EUBJ is reported to be in liaison with the Communist Party.

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6 July 1951

A mtg of Palestinian landowners now living in Syria was held in the premises of RSD-684 of the AHE in Damascus in early June, at the instigation of subj. Main theme [] presented by Subj at the mtg was that the Palestinians should undertake to negotiate directly for aid from America and elsewhere, and should not permit [] Govts either to negotiate or to administer such aid. Subsequently, Syrian Govt politely advised the Mufti to leave Dama. Action was prompted by pressure from Syrian and Palestinian ldrs who oppose subj. Specifically, it was argued that support for individual indemnification of Pal landowners was against the interests of the Arab States. Mufti apptd Emil Ghuri to represent him in future dealings with Govt.

26 Jun 51

... prevailing at opening sessions of Damascus Arab League Meeting was made WRL-20827 by the unexpected and unwelcome arrival of subj, with 3 mbre of the so-called SO-5785 ... subj's arrival was apparently not unknown to the Egyptian delegation, 28 May 51 ... coincided with a proposal made by the Egyptians in the Pol Cttee that the ... should be represented in the League. Proposal was accepted.

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The Syrian Army reportedly is organizing, equipping, and training a special brigade of two or three regiments manned and officered by Palestinian Arabs. One reports that in peace time they will operate under Syria but in war, under the joint Syrian-Egyptian military staff in Damascus. They are to be available for guerrilla type operations against Israel, but also for trouble making in Jordan, "When needed."

The Project is being promoted by the ex-grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, and being financed by Saudi Arabia.

SO: NSAMP, no CX 46, Damascus; USAPM, CX 32, Damascus, 6 Feb 1956, USAPM, 3-40-52; Damascus, Syria, 16 Feb 1956. **SECRET** NOT RELEASABLE.

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Jordanian Charge, NASS, informed State Dept, 21 Jan that the purpose of Haj Amin al-Husseini's visit to Syria, was to organize two divisions of guerrilla troops from amongst the Palestinian refugees in Syria to be used as Fedayeen or shock troops in Israel or Jordan.

Comment: Other information confirms that the purpose of Mufti's visit was to arrange with the Saudi financing and with the Egyptian direction for organization of para-military forces from Palestinian refugees in Syria.

SOURCE: State D-695, Damascus, Syria, 26 Jan. 1956. **CONFIDENTIAL**.

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HUSAYNI, Haj Amin

JORDAN

Grand Mufti of Jerusalem (former)
Born Amin al-HUSAYNI, at Jerusalem, probably in 1893. The Husaynis were one of the 2 most prominent Arab Palestinian families and claimed descent from the Prophet Muhammad. The rank of Mufti, bestowed upon subj's father, Tahir al-Husayni, by the Ottoman Govt, signified that the bearer was an elder religious leader in the community. Amin's elder half-brother, Kamel, was similarly honored.

Subj attended St. George's School in Jerusalem, then went to al-Azhar Univ in Cairo. He made the pilgrimage to Mecca, received the title of Haj, then went to Turkey where he served in the Turkish Army during WW I. After the capitulation of the Ottoman Empire in 1918, he was attached to the British Public Security Service in Palestine, changing over later to work for the French Secret Service in Damascus. He speaks English, French, Turkish & Arabic.

See 201 file for complete info

Jordan Govt received cable 17 Sept '57 from Farid SHIHAB, Chief of Lebanon Security Service, Beirut, which stated that SUBJ due to arrive "soon" in Dama to make trouble in Jordan.
SC: SUBJ had been in Cairo.

MAJ-2458
IN 12718

20 Sept 1957

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Cable references 1958-NEA-7/LTS

GRAND MUFTI

[26 May]

- Report unconfirmed that he will request all Moslem soldiers resign from Army 27 May- Minister Bashar AWAR has and will show Sham'un attempt get him make statement on no change Constitution.

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Prior to Feb 60 Subj sent about 50 Fadayyin into Iraq from Syrian
Region UAR. This was done with knowledge and help of UAR. Fadayyin in Iraq
receive their orders from Husayni.

IN 46504

26 Feb 60

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