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Activities of the ex-archdi of Jerusalem and his associates
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Further to our P/949 of 25th September, 1961, reporting on these activities during July and August, the same well placed informant has provided the attached account of activities during the following two months.

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Activities of supporters of the ex-mufti of Jerusalem, Sept and October 1951.

1. Relations with the Greek Orthodox Church.

When ALEXANDROS III, Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, arrived in DAMASCUS early in September 1951 on his return from RUSSIA, he brought with him two letters, the contents of which are not known, for the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem. These letters, sent by Shaker Khaled DINOY, Mufti of the Moslems in Russia and spiritual head of the Moslems in the Balkans, and Monseigneur NASREDDINOV, Grand Imam of the Great Mosque in MOSCOW, were handed by the Patriarch to Marouf DAWALIBI, at that time the President of the Syrian Chamber of Deputies, for onward transmission. DAWALIBI entrusted the letters to the daughter of Mohammed Salim ABU-LABAN, a supporter of the ex-Mufti who has frequently acted as a liaison officer travelling between Egypt and the Levant States.

2. Relations with the Arab League of National Liberation (A.L.N.L.)

Towards the end of September 1951 Ali KHAMRA, an extremist member of the A.L.N.L., travelled from HAIFA to BEIRUT to attend a meeting of Palestinian Arab refugees. In BEIRUT KHAMRA met Mohammed Nimr ^{al-H}, a staunch supporter of the ex-Mufti, and paid him \$500 with which he was to ensure that the refugees passed a resolution calling for their return to Palestine and refusing settlement in any other Arab country. The meeting took place on the 30th September 1951 and the resolution was duly carried.

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