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former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-Husseini, who has been living in Bludan, Syria, since June 1956, travelled from Bludan to Amman on 17 August in the company of his assistant, Muhammad Salim A-laban. While in Damascus, Hajj Amin attended a reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Arab Revolt on 17 August. He spent the following night at the Hotel Royal where, on 18 August, he conferred with Shaykh Ahmad al-Husseini, a Saudi Arabian Minister, who had arrived at the hotel on the same day. Hajj Amin, Uthri, and Abu-Laban left Damascus for Beirut on 18 August.

Hajj Amin, a former Lieutenant of Hajj Amin and presently employed in the Syrian Ministry of Interior, received recently the sum of 6,000 Syrian pounds for the former Grand Mufti through Dr. Ghazi Abu-Damnah. The money is to be used to place articles favorable to the Grand Mufti in the Syrian press with a view of assisting him in his efforts to return to Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup>

Hajj Amin al-Qasbi of Syria promised Hajj Amin that he would raise the question of his returning to Jerusalem in his conversations with King Abdallah of Jordan between 17 and 20 August.<sup>3</sup>

Quarterly Comments:

Hajj Amin's connection with Saudi Arabia was reported in TDOC-103306, from an independent source.

A version of Hajj Amin's relationship to Damnah was reported in TDOC-103306.

TDOC-102966, from an independent source, reported a previous (5 August 1956) attempt on the part of Hajj Amin to obtain King Husayn's approval to return to Jordan. This attempt failed.

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