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1. Abd-al-Maguid Amin, a German national and reputed Arab nationalist and associate of Johann von Loers, has been asked by the Egyptian Ministry of National Guidance to assist in the preparation of a cultural magazine for distribution in Egypt and other Arabic speaking countries. This magazine will consist of selected cultural type articles from English, American, German, Italian, and Russian language periodicals translated into Arabic.

2. To this end Abd-al-Maguid Amin conducted a comprehensive examination of four Egyptian candidates presented to him by the Ministry as prospects for translator positions. Of the four only three appeared for the examination, and only one had anywhere nearly the qualifications to be considered for the position.

3. Amin and his associate Loers, both in the same general line of activity as political and/or propaganda advisors to the GOE, cite the above as examples of the continuing frustrations encountered in trying to narrow the very wide gap between GOE propaganda aspirations and Egyptian capabilities.

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