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1. 'Abd-al-Meguid/~~ALIN~~ is assigned cryptonym number SI - 229.

2. What follows may not in itself be a new situation or one which has not been long recognized by KUBARK, but there are various indicators seen here which lead us to believe that the regional foreign policy objectives of Egypt, including the activities of the Arab League as an organ of expression of Egyptian/Arab policies, may no longer be negative regionally, but may be in process of taking the offensive both regionally and internationally. (By "negative regionally" is meant the Egyptian policy circa 1953, the major premises of which were a/ to prevent domination of the area by any outside power, and b/ to prevent the expansion of the State of Israel.)

3. A few of the indicators taken from the current situation are :

A. A perceptible step-up of Egyptian contacts with Latin American personalities - diplomatic and other (see attachment, which is the Egyptian Mail article of 15 September 1956 entitled "Latin Americans May Turn to Hanoi", and which reports on an interview between MASR and Alfaro RIQUELOS, "Mexican writer and artist." Some of these remarks are provocative in the extreme.)

B. The arrival of Johann von Leers (and possibly others of lesser reputation) from South America, each of whom may have accumulated many years of experience and extensive contacts in Latin America which the GOE can use to any possible scheme to take aggressive action in the Western Hemisphere (consider also the GOE treatment of the Panama Canal in connection with the Suez Crisis, Vallarino conversations, etc.)

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