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Germany, Frankfurt (4 June 1957)

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- Professor Dr. Johannes von Leers was planning in May 1957 to establish
 a printing shop in Cairo equipped with German machinery and type. With
 this equipment, he planned to organize a publishing company and print
 political newsletters containing information on corruption and scandals
 in West Germany, for distribution in Germany.
- 2. Von Leers has recommended that the Arab League and the Egyptian Information Bureau give no financial support to West German nationalist groups. He believes that none of these groups is capable of obtaining a seat in the West German Bundestag in the September 1957 election and that supporting them is therefore unprofitable.
- 3. In this connection, von Leers also refused to assist two Dautsche Reichspartei delegates of the Lower Saxony Landtag, Adolf von Thadden and Waldemar Schwetz of Goettingen, who visited him in Cairo in April 1957 in company with Rudolf Diels, former chief of the Prussian Gestapo. They requested that he introduce them to the chiefs of the Egyptian Propaganda Office, the Egyptian Secret Police, and the Information Bureau, and to the president and secretary-general of the Arab League. When he learned that their purpose was primarily to ask for money for the DRP for the 1957 election campaign, von Lears refused. The Germans then went to the various offices without introduction but had no success with any of them. The Egyptians stated that they were so bedly off finencially from the after-effects of the military campaign and from the falling off of canal fees that it wes impossible to furnish subsidies to German organizations, and besides there was no interest in doing so. The Arab League stated that it had no means at its disposal. Von Leers' refusal of assistance was the cause of the campaign carried on by von Thadden and Schwets in West Germany to discredit him.

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- 5. Von Lears stated that he is working hard to convince two billion non-Buropeans of the Jewish danger. He believes that if he succeeds in this effort, Jewish domination of Germany and the United States will no longer be important.

