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<p>1. We are forwarding to Germany only, one copy of entire information in our files on Johannes von LEERS.</p> <p>2. [ ] would be interested in any information available on Subject's activities in the UAR, ie., his work in the propaganda field, his German cohorts here, his contacts with GUAR officials. See attachment for <u>London Daily Telegraph</u> article on von LEERS and other Germans in Cairo.</p> <p>3. Information extracted from EKA-1084 is included in attachment. [ ] does not have the names of the Wire tapping specialists from west Germany, who were introduced to the GUAR by von LEERS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E [ ] [ ]</p> <p>17 January 1961</p> <p>Distribution:          3 - Germany, w/attach          2 - Hqs, w/o attach</p>			
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Johannes von LEERS

Address: 863, Martin Haedo, Vinciente Lopez FENCEN (sic), Province de Buenos Aires, Argentina. In correspondence with Salah Ben YOUSSEF, Sec. B-2; 8 Aug 52. Gen. of the Neo Destour, POB 258, Cairo. Discusses community of int. between German and Arabs against French and French imperialists. Will undertake to discourage recruitment from French Foreign Legion in Germany. Wishes YOUSSEF to accept article about Saar quest for Arabic press.

'Abd-al-Majid AMIN assisted Subj obtain post as political advisor to GOF Info. Dept. Subj hired to strengthen GOF anti-Israeli propaganda program. JOE embarrassed by publicity given Subj, is attempting submerge 12 Sept 56 him in local scene by rigging language instruction to cover continued advisor task.

German report dated 3 Jul 56 and Canadian News correspondent in Cairo in AP story 26 August state that Subj, former propaganda advisor to Hitler and Peron, now in Cairo as advisor to NASIR and Arab League. Subj, and other Germans in Cairo presumably guiding NASIR policy and directing Egyptian propaganda other Arab states.

Position and Activities of Professor Johannes von LEERS -(see report)

Johannes von LEERS; PDDB: Vletlubbe, Mecklenburg, 25 Jan 1902; Education: Attended Universities of Kiel, Rostock, Berlin; doctorates in history and philosophy. Married, one daughter, lives Cairo in Kaddi at House 21 Rue 83. Career: Von LEERS has a long history of anti-Jewish activity. He has written numerous anti-Semitic books, including: Jewry and Knavery, Blood and Race, Jews Look at You. During the war he worked for Goebbel's propaganda ministry. Upon losing his estate in Mecklenburg after WWII LEERS fled to Argentina, reportedly with the help of Dr. ALBRECHT, a leader of the neo-Nazi group there. In Argentina he worked for Peron in his public information campaigns against Jews in Argentina. In 1954-55 he was hired by General Hasan Fahmy ISMAIL, military attache at the Egyptian Embassy in Argentina, to contact an anti-Jewish campaign in Argentina. This campaign was so successful that von LEERS was offered a very good job in Egypt. An alternate account states that he was hired through the intervention of Paul SCHMITZ (Abd-al-Majid AMIN) (sic). He arrived in Egypt in February 1956 and immediately went to work strengthening the Egyptian Government's anti-Israeli propaganda program. William Stevenson, a correspondent for the Canadian paper Toronto Star, discovered what LEERS was doing and published a story to that effect. Stevenson was kicked out of Egypt. The Egyptian Government was embarrassed by the publicity and is reported to be attempting to submerge LEERS by manufacturing a language instructor job to cover his actual work.

Other: NSDAP No. 143709; SS No. 276586. His present cover (main activity) is that of Professor of German at Cairo Univ Fuad al-Anwar. Von LEERS has become a Muhammadan and has taken first name of "Amin." As of August 1958 still reportedly in Egypt.

Contacts: SCHMIDT, fnu and Abd-al-Majid AMIN.

Activities of Johannes von LEERS and Dr. Hans EISELE - see report

Toward the end of 1959 two Russians and three West German wire-tapping specialists were assigned to the GIA Hqs (General Intelligence Administration); the three West Germans were introduced by von LEERS. Source Comment: Von LEERS is a German, about 65, short, stout, married, has one daughter. He is a permanent resident of Cairo and serves as an expert on Egyptian policy toward Greece and Turkey. He is also believed to direct anti-Zionist propaganda in Egypt, and is considered a specialist in counter-acting British intelligence activities in the UAR. He is employed by the Office of Information and Intelligence). The cover sheet of this report reads: As noted in report, von LEERS is reported to serve as an expert on Egyptian policy towards Greece and Turkey. It is requested that [ ] be supplied with traces and any illuminating data on Subject and his activities which might be passed to [ ]

Johannes von LEERS is teaching German in a school in Cairo.

Since [ ] return from Morocco Ahmad FARID, member in Foreigners' Section, GID, and long time casual acquaintance of [ ] has shown greatly increased interest in him. Has contacted about once a week with requests for written reports on such varied subjects as Zionism in Morocco, reactions to new regs about employment of foreigners, and foreign feelings re Johannes Von LEERS.

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