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**AMBASSY**  
**Cairo, Egypt, July 28, 1953**

**Memo to Army Attache**  
**From: CAS**

**Subject: Alleged Agents of American Intelligence**

1. Reference is made to the allegation made to Army Attache by German advisors Co. Kurt FERCHL and Major Georg MERTINS, that they had been asked to collaborate with American Intelligence, described as "S-2", on a mission to obtain information on the ~~ex-~~Grand Mufti and to collect intelligence from the Egyptian Airforce. Their claim of first having been approached on this matter by Thomas G. MAPPLEBECK and later changing their story to having been contacted by Erick OLERUECK, casts considerable doubt as to the accuracy of their statements.

2. Our files show the following information:

- a. Thomas G. MAPPLEBECK in 1946 was suspected of being a member of British Intelligence. He lived in Yugoslavia from 1922 to 1938. His wife, Ivanka, from whom he may be separated, allegedly was in close contact with the pro-Axis elements in Yugoslavia during World War II. Another source reported in 1945 that she had been loyal to the Allies.
- b. Erick OLERUECK, according to a report dated 9 March 1953, was a German Reserve Officer who later became an SS Sturmabfuhrer in the Reich Sicherheits Hauptamt (WWII German Intelligence organization.) He is presently suspected of working as an agent for German Intelligence. In early 1952 he came to Egypt as the representative for a Swiss export firm.

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