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Office of the Army Attache
American Embassy

Cairo, Egypt
30 July 1953

S-2-53

SUBJECT: Identification of Alleged U.S. Agent.

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to R-219-53, particularly paragraph 5, thereof.

2. Colonel Kurt FERCHAL and Major Gerhard Georg MERTINS, German military experts in Egypt, insist that some of their activities have been directed by a man named ERICH OLERUCK (OLERUECK). Included in these activities are MERTINS' connections with SALAH, son of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, to probe the activities of the Grand Mufti, and connections with the brother of HASSAN MAHMOUD (until recently Chief of Staff, Egyptian Air Force).

3. These officers ~~it~~ assert that OLERUCK is a highly competent intelligence agent well known for his smooth operation. OLERUCK has produced documents to prove that he is an agent for the BONN Government and American "S-2".

4. Officers' doubts as to the authenticity of OLERUCK became aroused when they found they were being criticized by Western representatives of having the connections ordered by OLERUCK.

5. On 24 July, MERTINS stated the agent's name to be a Mr. MAPPLEBECK, a British resident of Egypt engaged in Import-Export work. On 28 July, FERCHAL and MERTINS said MAPPLEBECK is involved but the real agent is ERICH OLERUCK. The officers asked if the undersigned could re-assure them that OLERUCK is what he represents himself to be.

6. Local CAS sources held the following information on these alleged agents:

a. Thomas G. MAPPLEBECK - In 1948 suspected of being a member of British Intelligence. Lived in Yugoslavia from 1922-1938.

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