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Dispatch from Karlsruhe:

2. In the course of the interview, subject stated that he is a former SS non-commissioned officer and that he had just returned from Damascus where he had served for approximately one year as a First Lieutenant in the Syrian military intelligence service along with Walter RAUFF, former SS Colonel, who served there in an advisory capacity. Subject stated that he and RAUFF did not renew their contracts with the Syrian government because of difficulty in working with the Syrians and because the Syrian governmental and military service is saturated with Communists.

11. Mention was made to subject of an article appearing in the September 1 issue of the New York Herald Tribune, Paris edition (clipping attached), concerning the transfer of German funds from a Swiss bank to the Syrian government. The article based upon information from an Israeli government source, mentioned a Captain Abdullah RAUFF, former German Gestapo officer, as a key figure in the transaction but also stated that the article was fantastic. He stated that the RAUFF mentioned in the article could not possibly be Walter RAUFF because he, GRUBER, had been closely associated with RAUFF during his entire stay in Syria and the latter has never used Abdullah as a first name nor has he ever been in Afghanistan.

12. Subject stated that in a recent letter received from RAUFF in Italy the latter declared his intention of emigrating to South America with his family in event that it is not possible for him to work for the Americans. (His family is with him in Italy at present.) Subject, however, advanced the opinion that RAUFF would return to the Middle East, probably Egypt, regardless of whether the Americans employ him or not, as he has very good contacts with the "President" of the Arab League as well as with the Egyptian King. Subject stated that RAUFF lives in Italy under a pseudonym and uses various cover addresses in Naples and Rome, none of which he would reveal.

13. Subject was extremely desirous of obtaining employment with the American intelligence service for himself and RAUFF and stated that they could operate most effectively in Cairo, Egypt as RAUFF speaks Arabic in addition to several European languages while subject himself speaks most of the Slavic languages.

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