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1. About 13 April 1953, German expert Dr. Wilhelm Voss left Egypt for Western Germany in the company of Egyptian Colonel 'Abd-al-Ghaffar.
2. Although Voss maintained complete silence prior to his departure concerning the purpose of his trip, German experts in Egypt believe that Voss plans again to approach West German officials in Bonn to try to persuade them to send German instructors and technicians to Egyptian canal garrisons. Because such German technicians would be sent to Egypt after Canal negotiations have been completed, the arrangements would not conflict with West Germany's commitments toward European Defense.
3. Voss did not contact German Ambassador Gunter Frenkel before his departure. His relations with the German Embassy in Cairo are extremely cool.
4. Colonel 'Abd-al-Ghaffar, is close to Premier Hajib, and is responsible for reporting on German political and commercial affairs. He has made several trips to Western Germany as the special envoy of Hajib and is in constant contact with Voss concerning the latter's arms purchasing mission at the Ministry of War. Through Voss, 'Abd-al-Ghaffar has established many contacts with German industrialists.
5. The primary purpose of 'Abd-al-Ghaffar's trip to Germany is to interest the Bonn Government in sending qualified German Staff officers to Egypt.
 1. Field Comment: Voss' visit to Bonn in January 1953 was apparently successful as far as official German recognition of German experts in Egypt was concerned.

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