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An excellently placed neutral source has provided the Embassy with the following information with regard to the activities of Dr. Wilhelm VOSS and the other German experts employed by the Egyptian Government.

I. Dr. Voss stands "head and shoulders" above all of the other experts. He dominates them and has no rival from the point of view of leadership or influence upon the nevolutionary Command Council.

2. Your and the other Germans particularly fear the spread of Communism in Egypt and South Asia and Africa. while some of them had a very "rough time" at the hands of the Allies at the end of World War II they are not particularly anti-American or anti-British.

J. Yoss has repeatedly gone out of his way to urge Naguib "not to make Hilter's mistake". He has told Naguib that Hitler originally headed up a movement and all went well until Hi er yielded to the temptation to become a dictator. From this moment the movement was destroyed and Germany's troubles began. Yoss advises Naguib to stick to his present plans and not to abandon the idea of constitutional government.

(4. Gonfirming earlier reports received by this Embassy the source stated that all of the German experts, including Yose, consistently advise the Egyptians not to attempt direct action against the British in the Canal Zene. They have warned the Egyptians that if they try this they will receive very rough treatment at the hands of the British and that they are in no position either from the point of view of training or logistics to combark successfully upon a sabotage campaign.

5. Asked regarding the views of Voss on a settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute the source stated that Voss had told him

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that "one way or another the British will have to arrange to keep about 10,000 British technicisms in the Zene". The source said that Yoss had told Hagmib this and that this manber would be required to do the necessary maintenance work.

General: The Department will note that the above piffure of Br. Vess is very different from that conveyed by the German Ambassactor as reported in Pabassy Despatch 2110/April 10.

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