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Dr. Wilhelm Voss, Leader of German Military Experts, Talks About Himself and Egypt.

Through a mutual friend of Dr. Wilhelm Voss and an officer of the Embassy, Voss suggested a quiet meeting outside the Embassy to establish contact and exchange views. Two officers of the Embassy met with him. A memorandum concerning Voss and the views he expressed is enclosed.

It is believed Voss may have made this approach as a form of insurance since a settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute might leave the German experts out on a limb. Similarly, the collapse of the present regime might make their future prospects for remaining in Egypt exceedingly doubtful.

Voss may also have had in mind laying wires for the future participations of German experts in maintenance of the Suez base if and when a settlement is reached.

Regardless of his motives, it seems clear that Voss is out to promote German interests and more specifically his own interests and those of other Germans in Egypt.

On the question of his own political sentiments, Voss brought up the fact that there are rumors circulating to the effect that he is a Communist. He remarked that this was obviously impossible since the Russians were responsible for the loss of his wife and two sons during the war.

As to his position vis-a-vis the other German experts, Voss made it clear that he is the directing head of the group.

Voss obviously likes Egypt and wants to stay here. On this point he remarked that it was "a good thing to stay out of Europe for a while."

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