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 Report from the Dr. Walter D. WOLF regarding the current Egyptian situation and the position of the German Military Mission to Egypt. Dr. WOLF is the Chief of the German Mission.

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1. At a VOSS' opinion that the U.S. has "let down" Egypt and the Middle East. He claims there is no need to spend the great amount of funds we are expending in Europe and that we should give priority to the Middle East. He realized that this will require sacrifices, but he believes the confidence would be well placed. He feels the British, notwithstanding the military importance of the CANAL ZONE, should comply with Egyptian demands, and that if the Egypt gains the national application she will willingly (and the Egyptian Government safely) join the East through a Middle East Defense Organization. This would mean Egypt capable of producing ten (10) divisions and believes other countries of the Arab world will enter the defense organization immediately afterward.

4. He was a parent to preparing a letter that VOSS, although not anti-British, is certainly not pro-British. He said he had been somewhat concerned regarding the British sincerity in negotiations with Egypt until the speech of Minister WINDMILL, which was made during Secretary HOLMES' visit to Cairo. This speech, plus the appointment of DEBY and George d'Assolant to Cairo, has forced him to seriously doubt British sincerity. He pointed out that TUCHELET, in his speech, had no justification whatsoever for attacking NAGUIS for coming to or for protecting ISSA. These two things make a tremendous impression on the Egyptians. He said TUCHELET has a long record as a British "intruder" and his appointment to Egypt served as a definite sign to the Egyptian Government that England has no intention of exercising good faith in the negotiations.

5. With regard to Germany, VOSS said that General JENSEL, now Chief of the Armed Section in the German Mission to Egypt, will become the Chief Inspector of the Army in the new German Army. It is VOSS' opinion that the Germans today have no interest in a European Defense Community. He said the German soldier does not want to fight but he will fight to defend his own country; has no interest in fighting to defend the other countries of Europe. He feels it is most important that the U.S. understand this feeling of the Germans because the will to fight is most important. VOSS felt that the riots in East Germany were bad because they were staged by unarmed and defenseless people who suffered as a result of their actions; however, he said it was magnificent and had great value in showing the West and people under the yoke of Communism that the spark of liberty is still alive and the people are not afraid to resist the Russians.

6. Returning to the situation in Egypt, VOSS said the situation in January 1963 was extremely serious and he feared the Egyptians would physically attack the British in the Canal Zone. At that time, he refused to help train guerrillas for action against the British, and almost daily cautioned the Egyptian General Staff that it was to their interest not to attack the Canal Zone. He does not now seriously fear that an attack will be made, but he is attempting to get NAGUIS to bring the Guerrillas (guerrillas) already trained and to be trained into the Regular Army, because he feels that there is insufficient control over these slightly trained and irresponsible individuals. He believes he may succeed in having them brought into the Army where adequate control can be exercised over them.

7. VOSS is of the opinion that neutralism is growing rapidly in Egypt and, unless the U.S. takes steps to give Egypt military and economic assistance, we may find we have lost our opportunity to win Egypt on our side. He is convinced that Egypt is partially aware of our intentions and would not take this into consideration when dealing with ISRAEL and SOVIET. VOSS does not wish to discuss the local situation at any time with any other person, but he is in contact with Lt. Col. H.R. HASE and General ...

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