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SUBJECT: Belgian Intelligence Report on Colonel Voss.

PARTICIPANTS: Georges Carlier, Counselor of the Belgian Embassy
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Mr. Carlier said that he had received instructions to the appropriate American authorities certain information regarding Colonel Voss, a German in the service of the Egyptian Government. He had no background information on this subject and could only hand me an Aide-Memoire containing the statement which had been forwarded to him. (A translation of the Aide-Memoire is attached).

I told Mr. Carlier that I had heard of Colonel Voss before but could not recall just what information we had on him. I expressed thanks for the Belgian Government's courtesy in this matter.

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Colonel Voss, of German nationality, is employed by the Egyptian Government. He is considered a sort of "grey eminence" of the military junta presently in power. Colonel Voss is not a military man. He was a collaborator of Hitler and "Bergruppenführer in Reichsicherungsamt". He was a friend of H. D. Reich, the butcher of Czechoslovakia. He was thus appointed "Trotzkander der S.S." for the Ikoda works at Milson. Arrested after the war by the Czechoslovakians as a war criminal, he would ordinarily have been condemned to death. On the contrary, he was released. In Cairo, where he turned up as Advisor to the Egyptian Government, he has three assistants of Czechoslovakian nationality. He has continuing relations with notorious names who are engaged in subversive activities, notably Skopend (Madrid), Werner (Gene) and Hausmann (Passeldorf) recently arrested by the British. (NAUMANN)

In Cairo he is said to have considerable influence on the officers of the junta and especially on Colonel Abdel Nasr, the man who really holds the power at the present time. It seems that his influence is exercised to encourage extreme measures, such as hostilities against the British base in the Canal Zone. Colonel Voss is in close liaison with another German officer, Colonel Pircher, formerly Colonel in the General Staff of the Reich, who also, after having been arrested as a war criminal, was released by the Russians.

Among the Egyptian officers, Colonel Voss had a Captain Mohamed Mohab Abdel Chaffer as a confidential friend. Captain Chaffer has recently been assigned as military attaché at Brussels and the Hague and as Advisor to the Egyptian Diplomatic Mission at Bonn.

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