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2. From the outset, Subject (CROSS) spoke in a minor key. He stated that his service was undergoing a crisis of reorganization. It is the judgment of the highest leaders of the State of Israel, according to Subject, that the Arab-Jewish tension is destined to decline more and more, and consequently no one any longer believes there will be a conflict in the near future with the Arab coalition. Personally, Subject stated, he did not share this opinion, and in an important conference which was held among leaders of the Israel service, in the presence of the chief of the service, Ben Natan, Asher, Subject stated his point of view; but this was not shared by the others present, the majority of whom believed a new conflict with the Arabs to be less and less probable. As a direct result of this situation, according to Subject, there is a semi-demobilization of the Israeli service agents abroad which is determined as well by the not-too-solid financial situation of the service.

11. Source expressed his delusion because of Subject's failure to produce certain materials which he had promised in the beginning of the contact (secret ink developers, various intelligence materials, etc.). It was emphasized to Subject that these promises had been taken at their face value and it was expected that Subject would produce the "good material" he had promised. Subject evidently felt himself in difficulty and related the following account with regard to which full reservations are entertained. He stated that his service was anything but satisfied with the "modus Vivendi" which he had worked out after great effort with source. His chief, BEN NATAN, Asher had pointed out that the pure and simple tolerance granted by Source was a small thing in view of the unilateral flow to Source of intelligence material from the Israel Service. The opinion of his chief, Subject asserted, had put him in difficulty and, despite all of his efforts to make understood the difficulties ~~and~~, which arose in connection with the work in Italy, he had not been successful in modifying it. As a result he had not been able to secure through official channels the material which he had promised. During his stay in Tel Aviv, however, he had personally copied or put together a certain number of reports which he considered to be of interest from the Italian point of view. Subject claimed that he was able to do this in view of the fact that he had full access to his service's files. However, the airplane on which he had dispatched the pouch of this material had been destroyed during a takeoff at Tel Aviv. Not only his materials but a pouch containing about 50 kilos of diplomatic correspondence was also lost. Subject assured Source that he would secure other copies of these reports as soon as possible. Source openly expressed his incredulity. Subject replied with full assurances, stating that the airplane incident had actually happened and admitting, alluding to the judgment rendered by his chief, that everything was in conspiracy against him but that he hoped to be able to demonstrate, in time, his good faith. He took occasion to state that he desired very much to remain in Italy inasmuch as he had a wife and children of Italian origin.

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