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COUNTRY: Egypt/Germany

SUBJECT: Dr. Wilhelm Voss, Head of the German Advisory Group in Egypt

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1. Dr. Wilhelm Voss, head of the German Advisory Group in Egypt, is among those advisers who believe that American advisers will eventually enter Egyptian service. He supposes that the Americans will not supply equipment and materials themselves, but would utilize sub-suppliers to place purchase orders against American payment. Voss believes that he, therefore, will become a sub-supplier par excellence.

German circles in Cairo are convinced that Voss has steadily and continually improved his contacts with American Ambassador Caffrey. They believe also that Voss must have done this with the consent of the Egyptian government and that most probably he received this consent through Colonel Muhy al-Din, Minister of the Interior.

In January and February 1954 Voss mentioned to his intimates that he was considering the establishment of a "Germano-Arab Institute," which would be financed by German industry and of which Voss would be manager. This plan represents Voss' hope of finding

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opportunity to change from the status of an Egyptian Government adviser to a respectable position in private trade and industry and, at the same time, of remaining in the Middle East. The Institute would concentrate on obtaining orders for German industry through Voss' many excellent connections in the area and might be a link for American purchases of goods from German industry.

4. Voss, ^{like} the other members of the Advisory Group, has not participated in Egyptian politics, but his previous training in Nazi intrigues enabled him to steer the Group into the new stage of political movements. Voss has maintained close relations with the following Egyptian personalities:

a. Premier Yamal Abdul Nasser. Although a marked estrangement resulted from his criticism of the Egyptian Five-Year Plan, uttered in an interview with the Premier, Voss has managed to resume good relations with Nasser.

b. Abdul Latif Boghdadi, Minister of War, and Dr. ^{Marret} ~~Marret~~, Secretary of State for the Ministry of War.

c. ^{Abdul} ~~Abdul~~ ^{Malik} ~~Malik~~ ^{Al} ~~Al~~ ^{Enari} ~~Enari~~, Minister of Finance. Voss has been appointed as Enari's financial adviser.

d. Colonel Zakaria Mohyedin, Minister of the Interior. Both Voss and Mohyedin wanted to have Colonel Ernst Zölling replaced, and

Voss had added to his credit with Mohyedin by finding in Dr.

Mohyedin (see JX-5911) the type of man Mohyedin wanted as

his successor. It is also fairly certain that Mohyedin was

instrumental in the resumption of good relations between Premier Nasser

and Voss.

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5. Voss has written to Dr. Nordhoff, director of the Volkswagen works at Wolfsburg,^(fnc) about the intended "motorization" of the Egyptian Army, a subject of joint deliberation between Voss and Premier Nasser.

6. At the end of April 1954 Voss visited Germany again, going to Frankfurt, Cologne, and Hamburg. He was scheduled to make his return trip through Frankfurt sometime after 4 May 1954.

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