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Abdullah RAUF ; Walter RAUF
Dr. HUSNI
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1. The self-styled Abdullah RAUF, alias Walter RAUF, is identical with German SS Colonel Walter RAUFF; Field Comment: see CSBIC C.F. 165. Subject was born in 1906 and after having completed superior studies he enrolled in the German Navy and became an officer in 1924. As such he travelled for a long time and thus was able to come to know a little on all European countries and South Africa. In 1936 he was promoted to Commander and was forced to leave the service following a divorce because such a case was not in accordance with the German Naval Regulations. Some time later HEYDRICH, head of the SS, named subject a Lt. Col. (SS Obersturmfuehrer, and entrusted him with the direction of the Berlin Police, which post he held from 1938 to 1941.
2. With the nomination of HEYDRICH as governor of Bohemia, subject was forced to leave the post as head of Berlin Police and was sent abroad on missions, first to Corsica and thence to Tunisia and finally to the Italian Social Republic, with headquarters in Litan, as a Standartenfuehrer. In 1943-1944 convinced that the war was finished he entered into contact with the Allies and in favor of the latter carried out double agent role. In April 1945 he was captured by the Allies and interned in a concentration camp in North Italy.
3. In 1947 Subject succeeded in escaping and appeared in a convent in Rome. In possession of false documents furnished him seemingly by the then Syrian Army Lieutenant Andre TABALA who concealed subject in Europe under the name of "Dr. HOLLIS", Subject passed to the service of the Syrian General Staff. In Damascus where he went shortly after, he was entrusted with the censorship of the Direction General of Police.
4. The coup in March 1949 of Colonel HUSNI EL SAID did not effect subject's position which he immediately consolidated so much so that he became one of the principal counsellors and confidants of the new Chief of the Syrian government. Later, however, HUSNI EL SAID got suspicious of the loyalty of subject whom he believed to be in contact with the Syrian Communist Movement as agent of the German VON LIPKAU with whom subject was in close contact. Subject was therefore arrested and expelled from Syria. Subject went to Lebanon and at Beirut attempted to make a trip with LIPKAU carrying out Communist propaganda in India. The project was never actuated however, inasmuch as LIPKAU allegedly was detained in Tel Aviv by other obligations.
5. Having found the impossibility of transferring to India and not being able on the other hand, to remain in Lebanon because he was compromised with LIPKAU, Subject returned to Italy and after a brief sojourn in Rome proceeded to South America (Venezuela or Argentina) assisted by elements of the State Israel representation (Edmond CHAIS). On the basis of information from a sure informant, RAUFF coming from Beirut, Israel, travelled at Beirut with his wife and two children on 21-22 October 1949 and immediately came to Rome. In Rome he allegedly was in contact with [redacted] who had not yet been identified.

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