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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>Lebanese nationality; Syrian Nationalist and Pan-Arab leader who has long been hand-in-glove with the Germans. Was condemned to death by the French for participation in the 1926 rebellion and fled to Palestine and thence to Switzerland. Was amnestied in 1937 and returned to Syria. Has been in Europe during the greater part of the war, and in March 1941 was reported to be negotiating with the German authorities for the secret departure of the MUFTI to Syria on the understanding that the Vichy French would guarantee his protection. Normally lives in Geneva where he assists in the organization of Arab societies in Europe and elsewhere but in July 1942 was reported to be superintending the activities of a number of Arab propaganda societies in Paris with a view to a large scale pamphlet campaign in the Moslem world. At various dates has been reported in communication with Adil Arslan, Shu'ri Qawatli and Taki ud-Din Sulh through the Spanish or Italian diplomatic bags. Is said to have sold himself completely to the Italians during the Italo-Abyssinian war, though early in 1939 he was reported to be ill-desposed towards them. Has identified himself more completely with the Germans than has his..... (rest of document lost.)</p> <p>This excerpt was copied from a name trace GX-124 of 9 May 44.</p> <p align="center">DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2006</p> <p align="center">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p> <p align="center">SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION</p>				
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