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PERTINENT INFORMATION <p>No distribution [] WSI-3668 dated 10-18 January, from Arab Source in Jerusalem well-qualified to estimate trends in Arab Opinion.</p> <p>1. In past few weeks strong revulsion of feeling against MUFTI among Palestine Arabs. Public growing to regard him as responsible for present suffering, because of his ambitious haste to start hostilities, without even showing signs of reaching agreement between Arab states. Disorganization evident in Jerusalem Office of Higher Executive has led to impression that the MUFTI's men actually have no authority. MUFTI's continued rivalry with Abtullah at time when latter's forces in Palestine appear to constitute only protection for Arabs considered short sighted. Activities of Abdul Cadir al Husaini, whose band now believed to number at most 100 men have led to similar resentment.</p> <p>2. Dr. Khalidi is stated to estimate from own observation that number of rifles held by Arabs in all Palestine is about 10,000 or 12,000. Of these 4,000 in Hebron area, 4,000 in Hebron profiteering in arms continues. Number of rifles brought indescrbed as insufficient of bombs not more than few hundred.</p> <p>Khalidi and Hilmi Pasha fear that if present trend of Jewish-Arab incidents continues fighting will become concentrated in towns, giving Jews advantage.</p> <p>3. Arabs feel danger Jews will use aircraft for bombing. Awaiting results of inquiry on this question which British believed to have in hand.</p>					
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