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Subject: MUFTI'S ACTIVITIES

Report No: RPJ-359

Date of Information: 20 August 1948

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1. It is reported that the MUFTI has sent five of his followers to Trans-Jordan for the following purposes:

- a) To establish close contact with Moslem Brotherhood representatives
- b) To create active cells amongst the Palestine Arab refugees
- c) To stir up trouble and spread anti-Abdullah sentiment in Trans-Jordan with a view of diverting Abdullah's attention from Palestine.

Three of the five are said to be: MUSTAFA KASEM of Tulkarm; ~~SHUKRI ISMAHIL~~ ~~BARWISH~~ of Hebron; and ISMAEL ABU DUKAN of Safad.

2. The following are allegedly Mufti's agents, operating in the Old City:

~~ABDUL LATIF FAYYAD~~ of Suba
~~FARIS KUTUBISH~~
~~SHUKRI ABYAD~~, A Christian from the Haifa area

The above are said to be insignificant villagers who are more or less ignored by the Arab forces.

3. Source indicates that a small number of British officers, specially trained in guerilla warfare, has recently arrived in Palestine and are now located with the various Mufti-organized Arab gangs located through-out the country. They are supposedly to instruct the Arabs in the tactics of guerilla war, which source earlier stated was part of the Mufti's plan for future operation in Palestine.

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