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1. Muhammad Farid al-KHARABDI, <sup>who source says he is</sup> Secretary of the <sup>Government</sup> all-Palestine Government, who is playing an important role in Moslem and refugee circles against the British and ABDULLAH, arrived in Lebanon from Palestine last week. He has contacted a large number of Moslem notables in Beirut including:

- Muhammad Jamil RAYHUN
- Umar Bey RAYHUN
- Salim Bey al-TAYYARAH
- Dr. Muhammad KHALID
- Sheikh Ahmad al-AJULI
- Sheikh Abdallah al-ALAYILI
- Umar Bey al-DARUQ

and told them that ABDULLAH, under the influence of British imperialism, is reluctant to support the Egyptian army in Palestine.

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2. Uthman HANAD, <sup>King</sup> ~~the Secretary~~ <sup>Private Secretary</sup> arrived in Beirut on 3 January, visited Moslem organizations, and gave Sheikh Muhammad Farid KHARABDI a message from Haj Amin. HANAD also visited the Shara' Judge, Hamir al-DARUQ and Ahmad al-AJULI. The night of 4 January, HANAD, accompanied by two Palestinians, visited the Yugoslav Legation for an hour.

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3. ~~The~~ supporters of the Grand Mufti, Abd-al-Qadir al-HANAYAT and Sheikh Ali al-HAYRATHI, were among the organizers of the demonstrations of the PALESTINIAN refugees about 18 January. HANAYAT prepared and paid for the placards the demonstrators carried.

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3.46 Sheikh Muhammad Ali al-HUSAYNI, a relative of the Grand Mufti, and Abd-al-Qadir al-HAYRATHI, one of the Mufti's followers, arrived in Lebanon during the week of 12-19 January 1949. They contacted Moslem and refugee circles, spreading anti-ABDULLAH propaganda. Source says these circles, who until recently supported ABDULLAH, are now complaining of his pro-British policy. al-HUSAYNI and DRUZI are maintaining close contacts with Nasir al-TAYYARAH Bey, the Egyptian Charge in Beirut; and are now spreading their propaganda in Moslem and refugee circles in Sidon and Tripoli.

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