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Subject : Plot to Kill the Grand Mufti

Source Cryptonym: []

SOURCE, OPERATIONAL DATA, AND COMMENTS: Source heard vague references to the plot on 19 October while at the Grand Mufti's quarters during the latter's visit to Damascus. Source questioned various followers of the Mufti to piece the story together.

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Subject: Plot to Kill the
Grand Mufti

Report No: MLB-1578

Date of Information: Current

Place Acquired: Beirut, Lebanon

Date Acquired: 21 October 49

Evaluation: B-3

Date of Report: 25 October 49

Source:

1. Ali Hasan al-~~BAHLUL~~^X, a Palestinian and former lieutenant in the Arab Legion, has been ordered by GLUEB Pasha to kill the Grand Mufti. Source states that al-BAHLUL had the reputation of being the best knife-fighter in the Arab Legion. He has been in GLUEB's personal service since the latter freed him after he had killed a brother officer.
2. The Grand Mufti was informed of the above-mentioned plot by Ahmad al-~~BAHLUL~~^X. He ordered that al-BAHLUL's movements be followed and that he be watched carefully. Al-BAHLUL is now in Beirut.
3. The Grand Mufti's men have discovered that al-BAHLUL has been anticipating the Mufti's movements during recent months, and has developed "safe" quarters under assumed names in Cairo, Damascus, and Beirut.
4. On his most recent appearance in Damascus, al-BAHLUL was searched by local police, but released when nothing incriminating was found on him.

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