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Subject: Grand Mufti's Attitude
toward Hamdi al-HUSAYNI

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Source:

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- Hamdi's views*
1. Source states that recently the Grand Mufti has been giving ear to Hamdi al-HUSAYNI's proselyting for Communism (Field Note: See RLB-1536 and 1752). Hamdi has been visiting him once a week.
 2. During a recent gathering in Cairo, the Mufti pretended to be quite sympathetic with Hamdi's views, and asked the others in his entourage to discuss the subject. Ishaq DARWISH (HUSAYNI) (Field Note: See RLB's-606, 642, 1472, etc.) joined in enthusiastic agreement with Hamdi and urged cooperation with the Communist Party. He pressed these views vigorously.
 3. The Mufti was quite pleased with his little trick, according to source, and rebuked DARWISH -- his nephew -- for his obvious Communist leanings.

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