

SECRET

From: [ ] Report No: RLB-2055 Local File No: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Pages: Three No. of Enclosures: None

Report Made By: [ ] Approved By: [ ]

Distribution:  
 By copy to: Washington (3)  
 [ ] (1)  
 [ ] (2) Orally to: No-one

Subject: Secret Report from Emil GHURI  
 to the Grand Mufti

Source Cryptonym: [ ] References: See Report

Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

Source succeeded in intercepting this letter  
and making a copy of it.

50-45250

MICROFILMED  
 FEB 21 1963  
 DOC. MICRO. SER.

INDEX

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
 SOURCES METHODSEXEMPTION 3B2B  
 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
 DATE 2008

Classification  
SECRET

IID COPY

[ ]  
477-341

SF

Control-6.3.

Subject : Secret Report from Emil GHURI to the Grand Mufti      Report Number : RLB-2066  
 Place Acquired : Beirut, Lebanon      Date of Information : 19 July 1950  
 Evaluation: Documentary      Date Acquired : 21 July 1950  
 Source : [ ]      Date of Report: 24 July 1950

(no copy)

said by source to be

1. The following is a translation of a letter from Emil GHURI, Arab Higher Committee chief in Beirut, to the Grand Mufti in Cairo, 19 July 1950:

"19 July 1950

"No. HAA/1/773

"His Grace the Chairman of the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, Cairo:

"Greetings, Respect, and Loyalty.

"We have learned of the following incidents from inside Palestine:

"In the Jewish-occupied Area:

~~227.~~ a. Last week unknown persons burnt 2500 donams of Arab land which the Jews had sown with grain in Galilee. The Jews took severe measures against the inhabitants but they were unable to arrest any one. They decided to tighten the regulations preventing movements between one village and another except by permission of the military authorities. Seventeen Arab youths entered Lebanon because of their fear of Jewish ill-treatment.

~~227.~~ b. Last week the Arab Communists held a demonstration in Nazareth against the Government. They demanded the cessation and abolition of racial discrimination which is being practiced by the Jewish authorities. The Jewish Army intervened to disperse the demonstration and opened fire on the demonstrators. The demonstrators replied with fire also and many casualties were suffered on both sides.

IID COPY

[ ]  
472-341

"607. Municipal elections were held in Daliyat al-Karnail; The Communists won the elections. The Jewish newspapers commented on that result and wondered how the Arab Communists could win despite the influence of Archbishop HAKIM (P. N. See Archbishop George HAKIM. See RLB-1460, 1461, 1462) and the Arab notables of Haifa.

"617. Muhammad Nimr al-HAWARI is working as a lawyer in Nazareth, but his work is slow because of Communist resistance against him (P. N. See RLB-1830). An assault was made on July 2, 1950 on his life and his office, but it failed because of the intervention of the Jewish police. The Jewish authorities prevented him from visiting Jaffa and recovering his house, which he bought there before the occupation.

In the Jordan-occupied area:

"627. Sa'id Khalid Sharif al-HUSAYNI has been appointed a director of the United Nations Relief Agency at a monthly salary of one hundred guineas. Sa'id Jamal al-HUSAYNI mediated for this appointment.

"637. Musa al-KHALAMI (P. N. See RLB-1780) has sent a recommendation to the United Nations for the employment of Musa 'Abdallah al-HUSAYNI and Nazmi al-KANBATAWI with the Relief Agency.

"647. Telephone lines were destroyed along a stretch of 600 meters in the Nablus area. The police arrested a number of villagers.

"657. Last week a powerful bomb was thrown at the police station at Jenin, which is also used by the Jordan military command. Many shots were fired at the station immediately following the explosions.

"667. On the following day a hand grenade was thrown at a coffee shop belonging to a person called Ibrahim 'ABD-AL-HADI in Jenin, which is frequented by a number of Jordan army officers who support the Hashimite policy; some of them were injured.

(4). On the evening of July, 11, 1950, shots were fired near Burqa on the automobile of Ahmad al-KHALIL, the Mutasarrif (Governor), but he was not hit. The guards exchanged fire with the unknown persons and then withdrew.

(Field Note: The last three paragraphs are perhaps a false confirmation of RLB-2046.)

(5). Sulayman TUQAN, Muhammad 'Ali al-YABIRI, Wadif DA'NIS, Anwar al-KHATIB and Abd-al-Pattar DARWISH have each received letters of intimidation; the police have been notified.

(Field Note: For TUQAN, see RLB's-1953 and 2046. For DA'NIS, see RLB-1953. For DARWISH, see RLB's-1775 and 1953.)

"The foregoing reports have been received by us from reliable sources in Palestine."

/s/ "Charge d'Affaires of the  
Committee in Beirut"