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Postponement of the visit of the Mufti  
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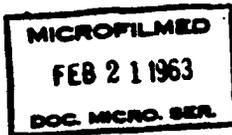
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Reference our 2/400 of August 24th.

The attached report from our  
Cairo representative, which is dated the beginning of  
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EGYPT/PAKISTAN

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Postponement of the Visit of Haj Amin HUSSAINI,  
ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM, to PAKISTAN

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(October 1950)

Invitation to the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM

1. At the beginning of November, Haj Amin HUSSAINI, who has not enjoyed good health of late, said in private conversation that he had heard nothing about the invitation to preside over the Islamic Congress in KARACHI since he had accepted with pleasure two and a half months ago. He had heard nothing of either the cancellation or the postponement of the Congress.

Postponement of the Conference.

2. (Dr) Hussain al HAMADANI, the Press Attaché of the PAKISTAN Embassy in CAIRO, has said unofficially that the Congress had been postponed indefinitely as a result of a difference of opinion between the Muslim Ulama presided over by (Shaikh) Muhammad HASSAN, the Mufti of PAKISTAN, and the "Committee of the Fundamental Principles in the Constitutional Congress" in PAKISTAN.

3. On 28th September 1950, the Preparatory Committee of the KARACHI Congress decided to describe the PAKISTAN Government as an Islamic Government. The Committee of Fundamental Principles contradicted this and maintained that the rights of the people of PAKISTAN are based on liberty, equality and justice, that this is fundamentally accepted in the PAKISTAN Constitution and that the legal limits between the different  
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inhabitants are provided for by the Islamic laws. The 'Ulama however insisted that the PAKISTAN Government should be declared Islamic, that this should be provided for in the Constitution of the country, and that Koranic laws should be enforced. The Press Attaché said that Liaqat Ali KHAN, the Prime Minister, held this same opinion. He added that this dispute between the 'Ulama and the Committee, who represent the legislative body, was the reason for the postponement of the Islamic Congress, and the visit of Haj Amin HUSSAINI to PAKISTAN depended on the result. He concluded his remarks by saying that the PAKISTAN Embassy had no official information on the subject.

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