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SOURCE Palestinian refugee with good contacts among the Arab Higher Executive.

1. Kamal Haddad, the Arab Higher Executive messenger who travels for the ex-Grand Mufti between Syria, Lebanon, and Cairo, Egypt, returned to Beirut during the past week, bringing a letter from the Mufti to Riyadh Sulh and delivering it personally. He took Faris Sirhan, rather than Amil Ghuri, with him to see Sulh, which made Ghuri very angry.
2. Haddad also brought instructions from the Mufti to the Beirut Arab Higher Executive office in answer to a recent letter from Ghuri in which the letter stated that he would have to close the office because of a lack of funds. These instructions from the Mufti stated that "the Beirut office would stay open even if it should be reduced to one room in the home of some loyal follower; there would be no money for the Beirut office until after the beginning of 1961; those followers who had to be paid to remain loyal could drop out now." The last remark, source states, was aimed directly at Ghuri.*

*Field Comment. Source reported on 25 October 1960 that Ghuri opposed agitation by Ibrahim Abu-Dayyil and others for anti-ONRMA demonstrations by Palestinian refugees on 2 November 1960.

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