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GRAND MUFTI TO RUN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE FOR EGYPT

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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

Source's informant, who supplied all the information in this report, was Kamal HADDAD, Arab higher Committee courier for the Grand Mufti, who is known to be close-mouthed. HADDAD asked source if he would serve in such an intelligence service.

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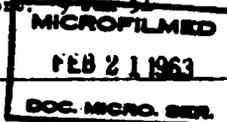
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1. Source was told by an informant on 6 January that the Grand Mufti of Palestine, Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, had agreed with certain unnamed officials in the Egyptian government to set up an intelligence service among his followers in each of the Arab countries. The secret information obtained would be channeled through the Mufti to the Egyptian government.
2. According to source's informant, a substantial advance of funds for this purpose has been made to the Mufti. The hub of activities in Beirut and Damascus would be the Arab Higher Committee organizations in those cities.

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