



Subject: Plans of the Grand Mufti      Report No: RLB-2565  
Date of Information: Current  
Place Acquired: Beirut, Lebanon      Date Acquired: 20 April 51  
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Source: [ ]

1. Source states that 'Ali RUJDI arrived in Beirut early this week from Karachi, Pakistan. RUJDI admitted that, before coming to Beirut, he had been in Cairo briefly, at the specific order of the Grand Mufti of Palestine, Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, whom RUJDI left in Karachi. He brought letters from the Grand Mufti for Kamal HADDAD, in Tripoli, and undisclosed persons in Cairo.
2. Haji GHURI is angry about what he considers a slight by the Grand Mufti--namely, that RUJDI did not contact him while in Beirut.
3. RUJDI went from Beirut to Damascus, returned to Beirut, and departed from Beirut for Cairo by air on 19 April.
4. While in Beirut RUJDI stated flatly that the Grand Mufti had received no substantial sum of money while in Pakistan, but that he expects to get a considerable amount before his departure. He intimated that the Grand Mufti has made some large-scale plans and would soon summon his closest friends in the Arab Higher Committee to meet him in Cairo.
5. After RUJDI's departure for Cairo source learned from an informant that he--RUJDI--had brought letters from the Grand Mufti to President Hashim al-ATASI and Prime Minister Khalid al-AZM of Syria; to Col. Adib SHISHAKLI, Shaykh Mustafa NIBA'I, and Maruf DAWALLIBI. These letters were delivered to the addressees by the Arab Higher Committee office in Damascus.
6. This same informant told source that, according to RUJDI, the Grand Mufti is now the head of the Moslem Brotherhood, through arrangements and agreements made at Karachi. The Grand Mufti is assuming active direction of that organization, and has indicated that the Moslem Brotherhood will not become a Communist or Soviet tool.

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7. The informant also said that, according to RUJDI, the Grand Mufti has been offered a Pakistani passport and a headquarters in that country. Both of these offers he refused, however, saying that he preferred to work out of Egypt.

Field Notes:

- Paragraph 1: RUJDI has been reported in RLB-2271. The Grand Mufti has been reported by this [ ] recently in RLB's-2481, 2506, 2508, 2538, etc. For Kamal HADDAD see RLB's-2353, 2472, 2481, etc.
- Paragraph 2: Emil GHURI has been reported recently in RLB's-2485, 2503, 2508, 2514, etc., and RLB-A-1792.
- Paragraph 5: Khalid al-AZM has been reported by this Station recently in RLB-2534; Hashim ATASI in RLB-2184; SHISHAKLI in RLB's-2476, 2525, and 2548; SIBA'I in RLB's-2297, 2326, 2506, etc. ; DAWALIBI in RLB's-2297, 2326, 2394, 2506, etc.