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Evidence of Soviet Backing of the Grand Mufti

Source Cryptonym: [ ]

Source's informant for this report was Ibrahim ABU-DAYYI. Source says that ABU-DAYYI is inclined to be talkative and indiscreet. When source questioned his word about the Mufti receiving Soviet money ABU-DAYYI became very indignant and said that he was positive of his information.

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1. Source has been told by an informant that much of the funds which the Grand Mufti indicates comes to him from Pakistan is actually Soviet money. Muhammad Niaz ANDAH knows about this, according to the informant, but wishes to keep it secret for the present.

2. The informant stated that he does not know how payments are made.

Field Notes:

Paragraph 1: The Mufti has been reported recently in RLB's-2730, 2746, 2757, 2758, 2770, 2771, etc. RLB-2770 reported that he was receiving money from Soviet agents. For ANDAH see RLB's-2757, 2786, 2800, etc.

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