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Subject: Mufti's Attempt to Recruit Report No: RSD-742
Syrians for Egyptian Volunteer Forces Date of Information: Mid-January 1952
Place Acquired: Damascus, Syria Date Acquired: 30 January 1952
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Source:

1. Around the middle of January, the Mufti sent one of his collaborators, Muhammad el-AFFIFI, to Syria to recruit Palestinians for the Egyptian volunteer forces fighting the British. While el-AFFIFI was in Syria he was unsuccessful, as far as source can determine, in recruiting anyone. It is possible that a few left clandestinely, but source is unaware of their identities.

Field Note:

The government's recent decree banning all activities of the Moslem Brothers undoubtedly served as a deterrent in el-AFFIFI's mission as the Moslem Brothers were trying to raise a volunteer force of 5000 for service in Egypt.

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