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SUBJECT: **Lebanon Reported Giving Funds to Haj Amin HUSSEINI (Ex-Mufti of Palestine)**

The Legation has learned from the assistant of Georges HAINARI, who is the Lebanese Government's top official in Arab refugee matters, that during Haj Amin HUSSEINI's recent visit to Lebanon he received 24,000 Lebanese pounds (about \$6,300) from the President's secret funds. The same source reported that the refugees, through the Arab Higher Committee in Lebanon, presented Hussein with LL 10,000. In addition, Hussein was reported to have obtained recently LL 40,000 from the Pakistan Government and LL 36,000 from the King of Egypt.

It is reasonable to assume that President KHOURY did make a payment to Hussein in order to keep the government's relations with the ex-Mufti on a friendly basis. Such a gesture would explain in part Hussein's willingness to comply with the government's request that the previously scheduled Arab Higher Committee's meeting in Lebanon be canceled.

The Legation is not able to judge the accuracy of the reports concerning the financial assistance given by Egypt and Pakistan to Hussein.

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