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Subject: Visit of Ex-Grand Mufti to Cairo.

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Source: A new source, believed reliable, with good contacts in the ex-Grand Mufti's entourage.

1. On 12 September 1952, Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, the ex-Grand Mufti, arrived in Cairo by plane from Lebanon accompanied by the Secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, Amil al-GHURI. That afternoon the Mufti and GHURI called on delegates from the various Arab nations attending the meetings of the Arab League. They discussed the Palestine question which will be brought up before the next meeting of the UN (General Assembly).

2. On 13 September, the ex-Mufti visited Colonel Muhammad Rashad MEHANNA, member of the Regency Council, at the Abdin Palace, who assured the Mufti that he was prepared to help the Mufti in any way possible.

3. On 14 September, a meeting was held in the Mufti's Cairo residence, house of the Mufti to discuss the following points:

- a) the situation of the Palestine Government, to include their remarks in the report of the Political Committee of the Arab League;
- b) the preparation of the necessary documents on the Palestine question;
- c) the compilation of statistics on the Arab refugees' losses and compensations, and a plan to bring together all members of the Arab families;
- d) the arranging of better representation, at the Arab League, for the Arabs of Palestine than Ahmad HILMI.

These present included al-GHURI, ^{that provided by banks} Shaykh Hassan ABU SAUD, and Shaykh Muhammad Ishaq DARWISH, all members of the Arab Higher Committee.

1. Source Comment. The Mufti feels that his position in Egypt is secure because he is a friend of NAJIB, ^{is a friend of Naqurah} and also of Fathi RADWAN.

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