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Activities of the Ex-Mufti

The attached, dated early October, comes from the regular source who provided our P/388 of 1st October. He is in close personal touch with the ex-Mufti.

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Activities of HAJ AMIN AL-HUSAYNI (October 1952).

HAJ AMIN AL-HUSAYNI

1. The ex-Mufti recently expressed the belief that Britain and Israel have an agreement that the latter occupy that part of the Kingdom of Jordan lying west of the River Jordan. He adduces as supporting evidence the Jordanian Government's neglect of West Bank affairs. HAJ AMIN is in close touch, by letter, with three Jordanian West Bank deputies, ABDALLAH ANWAS, ABDALLAH RIMAWY, and ~~KAMAL~~ ^{ULRAYKAT} ~~GRIGORAT~~, and favors, as a solution to the problem of the status of this part of Jordan, its annexation to SYRIA or its emergence as an independent entity.

2. On his recent visit to Cairo, (September, 1952) HAJ AMIN had several conversations with ~~ZAKIY RIFAHI~~ ^{SAFIR RIFAHI}, Syrian Minister of Foreign Affairs. In the course of these conversations RIFAHI told the ex-Mufti that SHISHAKLI maintained his opposition to the resettlement of the Palestinian refugees in Syria. He also claimed that King IBN SAUD had approved a Syrian proposal to annex the West Bank of Jordan. No action could yet be taken, however, because of the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty.

The ex-Mufti receives a monthly remittance of five hundred pounds sterling from Prince FAISAL IN SAUD. He also receives sporadic payments

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