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- Hajj Amin al-Husayni, former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, has begun sending terrorists to the Hejaz to establish a terrorist training center there which also is to provide a permanent cadre available for use when required. Six experienced former terrorists already have been sent to the Hejaz from Syria and Lebanon. The ex-Mufti has prepaid their passages and given them each one hundred Egyptian pounds.¹
 - On 6 October 1952 the ex-Mufti had a conversation with President Camille Sha'mun of Lebanon. Sha'mun agreed during this meeting to continue the monthly payments of 2,000 Lebanese pounds to the Arab Higher Executive in Lebanon which were begun by former President Bisharah al-Khuri.²
 - Amil Ghuri, leader of the Arab Higher Executive in Lebanon, was to be succeeded in that position by 'Abdullah Samarah in mid-October.³
 - The ex-Mufti and Ayatollah 'Abd-al-Qasim Kashani of Iran are in regular correspondence. In a recent letter, Kashani suggested that military detachments from the various Moslem states be sent to Jerusalem to assist in protecting the Mosque of 'Umar from the Jews. The ex-Mufti agreed to this suggestion in a subsequent letter.
- Washington Comment. There is a possible connection between this plan for establishing terrorists in the Hejaz and the recent Muhammad Nimr Avdah incident. See 80's -99245, 99461, and 100043.
 - Washington Comment. This report confirms 80-65249 as to the money paid to the Arab Higher Executive by the Lebanese Government.

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3. Washington Comment. That Samarah has been named Arab Higher Executive representative in Lebanon has already been reported in 80-98815.