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Subject: Message from Jordanian Cabinet Minister Advising ex-Grand Mufti of Change in Jordanian Policy toward Great Britain
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Source: A regular source (F) with good contacts in the entourage of the ex-Grand Mufti.

1. Yusuf ~~ABDU~~, ex-member of the National Committee of Jerusalem, arrived in Cairo from Amman on 20 May 1953, bringing with him a message to the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, from a minister of the new Jordanian cabinet, Anwar al-KHATIB. The message advised the ex-Mufti of the decision of the new Jordanian cabinet to ally themselves more closely to the other Arab countries in opposition to Great Britain, ¹ and regardless of the pro-British policy advocated by the real ruler of Jordan, GLUEB Pasha, head of the Arab Legion.

2. During his meeting with ~~ABDU~~, the ex-Mufti stated that British policy toward Jordan had always been to keep Jordan on unprofitable terms with other Arab countries, especially Saudi Arabia, and to keep the Jordanian economy at such a low level that Jordan was forced to rely on British financial aid. The Mufti added that there could be no cooperation between Jordan and the other Arab states until this situation was improved. Relations between Jordan and Saudi Arabia were improving but an Arab nation would

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have to replace Great Britain in giving Jordan financial aid before real Arab solidarity could be attained.

1. Field Comment. On 25 May, the Jordan parliament convened in a special session to protest Churchill's "anti-Arab" speech and urged the Government to support Egypt's "just case" against the British.

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