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Visit to the Lebanon of Haj. Amin Husayni,
ex-Emir of Jordan

The attached report was provided by a well-placed and established Syrian source, and was based on a report made available to the Syrian authorities by the Lebanese personality mentioned in paragraph 1.

Note: On December 3 the ex-Emir was at Damascus and an honored guest at the celebrations of the Shishahid Regime's accession.

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Visit to the Lebanon of Haj AMIN HUSSEINI, Ex-Mufti of Jerusalem *IP* *CEL-5549*

1. The following opinions were expressed by the ex-Mufti to a prominent Lebanese personality during his visit, in the last week of November 1953.

- ~~to the Lebanese,~~
- a) Egypt is the strongest Arab State, but she can not participate in a war with Israel so long as British forces are on the Suez Canal, though her leaders are the most enthusiastic partisans of an attack on Israel,
 - b) Jordan, owing to the British hold upon her, has no will of her own.
 - c) Great hopes are placed on Syria which is the only state anxious to destroy Israel and which is at the same time able to strengthen its forces and its economy. Unfortunately, Syria alone cannot risk such an undertaking for some time.
 - d) ~~Lebanon~~ Lebanon is generally so weak that it can not be counted upon.

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The Mufti added that for these reasons the present state of affairs must be expected to last for some time.

2. The Mufti, while in Beirut, called ~~on~~ *Abdullah* MAWI, Iraqi Minister to ~~the~~ Lebanon and complained of the large number of Iraqi personalities who were, he said, playing the British game. He accused these Iraqis of being British agents and said he held proof of their guilt which he was prepared to publish.

3. While in Beirut Haj AMIN HUSSEINI was visited by Emir ADIL ARSLAN, Syrian, Minister to Ankara; and was called ~~on~~ *Shaukat* by SHAIKH ~~HUF~~ and ~~ISIF KARALIVICH~~ *Karajovic* representing the Yugoslav refugees in the Lebanon. He also visited various Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon, and at a meeting in the house of SHAIKH ~~TUPIC~~ *Tawfik* TALBI harangued ~~them~~ on the need to keep together pending their return to Palestine.

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