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**DATE OF INFO.** 1 April 1957

**PLACE & DATE ACQ.** Jordan, Amman (26 February 1958)

**SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFENSIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS NEGATIVE. NOTE FOREGOING EXPLANATION.**

**SOURCE:** 1. Jordanian official with wide Government contacts (C). **Appraisal of Content:** 2 that the contents of Jamal Tuqan's letter to the Government of Jordan are accurately reported; 4 that Majj Amin Husayni's letter to Isa Mahli is genuine.

1. The Government of Jordan received a letter from Jamal Tuqan, former Military Governor of Jerusalem who resigned and went to Beirut, on 24 February 1958. Tuqan reported that a friend of his in the Lebanese Foreign office had shown him a photostat of a letter, dated 1 April 1957, written by Majj Amin Husayni, ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, to 'Isa Mahli, Husayni's representative in Buenos Aires, Argentina. According to Tuqan's Lebanese friend, the Lebanese Foreign Office obtained this letter from the Lebanese Ambassador to Argentina in September 1957.
2. According to Tuqan, Majj Amin Husayni's letter informed Mahli that Husayni concurred with the outcome of the negotiations that Mahli had conducted with the Soviet Ambassador and requested Mahli to send to Husayni the \$15,000 which Mahli had received from the Soviet Ambassador. Husayni added that Egyptian President Gamal Abd-al-Nasr had decided to overthrow King Husayn and Ali Abu Nwar, who was Chief of Staff of the Jordan Army at that time, had agreed to aid Nasr.
3. Tuqan told the Government of Jordan that he believed that Husayni's letter was genuine because he, Tuqan, was familiar with Husayni's handwriting. Tuqan suggested that King Husayn asked Lebanese President Kamil Shu'mun for a copy of the photostat of Husayni's letter because it was clear proof that the Soviets and Nasr supported Nwar's April 1957 conspiracy against King Husayn.
1. **Source Comment.** 'Isa Mahli is a Christian from Sayt Sulur, Jordan. He is a member of Husayni's Arab Higher Committee and has collected money for Husayn's cause.
2. **Field Comment.** We are strongly inclined to doubt the authenticity of Husayni's letter to Mahli. It seems improbable that the Government of Lebanon would have withheld such information from the Government of Jordan. Since Tuqan's resignation he has been out of favor with the Government of Jordan. Tuqan in recent months has been attempting to re-establish himself in the good graces of the Government of Jordan.

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