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Lebanese Press and Propaganda
Campaign to Bolster the Image of
King Husayn

8 September 1965

As of 20 August 1965

Lebanon, Beirut (20 August 1965)

An individual (F) closely connected with the Free Egypt Movement.
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1. A representative in Lebanon of the Free Egypt Movement (FEM), former Grand Mufti of Palestine (Hajj) Amin Husayni, and the Jordanian Military Attache in Beirut, Colonel Usur Madani, are cooperating in a press and propaganda campaign aimed at building the image of King Husayn and the Hashimites as an alternative Pan Arab movement to counter Nasir and the Ba'ath Party. The campaign has the approval of King Husayn, and Husayn has promised to advance funds to finance the effort. Husayn is aware that the FEM is backing this move, but knowledge of FEM involvement is otherwise being kept to a minimum, and the FEM representative is making contacts through intermediaries.
2. The campaign is being conducted primarily through the Lebanese press, but the trio is also contacting political exiles in Lebanon, and Lebanese political figures, even pro-Nasirist extremists such as Majadah Party leader, Adnan Hakim. 1/ The campaign was to be initially started on 20 August with an article by Rushdi Maluf in the Lebanese newspaper Al Safa 2/.

1. Field Comment: A (C) source who has fairly regular contact with Adnan Hakim stated that Colonel Madani had an appointment to see Hakim on the morning of 20 August.
2. Field Comment: One possible result of this campaign is the coverage which was given Husayn's address to the Convention of Arab Students in the U.S. by the Lebanese press. The influential French language daily L'Orient covered the address with a first page banner headline stating that "Husayn has a plan for the liberation of Palestine." L'Orient treated the Husayn address as their lead story while almost all other newspapers gave leading coverage to the arrival in Syria from Egypt of Iraqi President Arif.

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