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1. ACCORDING TO HAJJ AMIN AL-HUSAYNI, EX-GRAND MUFTI OF JERUSALEM, THE UAR HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN CUTTING THE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE OFF FROM ITS REGULAR SOURCES OF REVENUE. AL-HUSAYNI COMPLAINED THAT NASIR WANTED TO USE THE PALESTINE PROBLEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UAR AND WAS TRYING TO ELIMINATE ALL THE OLD PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN ORDER TO PUT "UAR STOOGES" AHMAD AL-SHUQAYRI IN THEIR PLACE.
2. IRAQ HAS YIELDED TO UAR PRESSURE AND HAS CUT ITS SUBSIDY TO THE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE TO THE POINT WHERE IT IS MERELY SYMBOLIC, AND JORDAN HAS ALSO AGREED NOT TO SUPPORT THE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE. WHILE PRINCE FAYSAL OF SAUDI ARABIA IS ENCOURAGING AL-HUSAYNI TO

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FIGHT NASIR'S PLANS TO TAKE OVER THE PALESTINE PROBLEM FOR UAR USE, AL-HUSAYNI WHO SAW FAYSAL RECENTLY COMPLAINS THAT FAYSAL IS UNWILLING TO GIVE HIM ANY SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL AID. SYRIA, IT IS TRUE, HAS OFFERED TO COOPERATE WITH AL-HUSAYNI, BUT SINCE AL-HUSAYNI DOES NOT TRUST THE SYRIAN GOVT HE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE TO BE ANY LESS ISOLATED FOR THE OFFER.

3. AL-HUSAYNI COMPLAINED THAT THE UAR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT WAS INCITING CERTAIN PALESTINIANS TO ASSASSINATE HIM AND HAD PREVAILED UPON LEBANESE ARMY G-2 OFFICERS CAPT. SAMI AL-KHATIB AND LT. JOSEPH KAYLANI TO HARRASS THE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE IN LEBANON ON THE PRETEXT OF PREVENTING ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL TO INTERNAL SECURITY.

4. (FIELD COMMENT: ANOTHER SOURCE (C) WITH GOOD CONNECTIONS IN THE UAR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT WAS TOLD ON 28 JANUARY BY A UAR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER THAT AL-HUSAYNI'S ACTIVITIES WERE HAMPERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN ENTITY, AS AGREED UPON IN THE CAIRO SUMMIT CONFERENCE, AND THAT UAR AMBASSADOR ABD-AL-HAMID GHALIB HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT A CLOSE WATCH BE KEPT ON AL-HUSAYNI'S ACTIVITIES.)

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