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1. HAJJ AMIN HUSAYNI, EX-GRAND MUFTI OF PALESTINE AND HEAD OF THE HIGHER ARAB COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE, SAID ON 13 MARCH THAT HE PLANNED TO DEPART FOR RIYADH ON 16 MARCH FOR AN ANTICIPATED VISIT OF ONE WEEK'S DURATION AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF PRINCE FAYSAL. HUSAYNI HOPES AND EXPECTS TO ACQUIRE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL BACKING FOR HIS HIGHER ARAB COMMITTEE FROM FAYSAL AND THE SAUDI GOVT.

2. ON 10 MARCH HUSAYNI HAD A MEETING WITH COL ANTUN SAD, CHIEF OF LEBANESE G-2 AND ALSO AN AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT SHIHAB. HE FOUND BOTH OF THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD HIS PERSON AND THE HIGHER COMMITTEE

WAS GREATLY IMPROVED OVER ANYTHING HE HAD KNOWN PREVIOUSLY OF LEBANESE

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POLICY. HUSAYNI WAS HAPPY THAT HIS UNOFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO BE RAPIDLY AND DRASTICALLY IMPROVING AND WITH SOME CHANCE OF ADEQUATE FINANCING FROM FAYSAL; HE IS NOW ENCOURAGED IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST THE ENCROACHMENTS OF AHMAD SHUQAYRI AND THE "PALESTINIAN ENTITY" ON TERRITORY AND IN AREAS WHICH HUSAYNI HAS LONG CONSIDERED THE PROPERTY OR AREA OF INFLUENCE OF THE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE.

3. ON 1st MARCH IZZAT JAFFAR, WHO HAS OFTEN IN THE PAST SERVED AS A KUWAIT GOVT INTERMEDIARY, STATED THAT THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT IS ASKING FOR GENERAL INTELLIGENCE STUDIES ON THE QUESTION OF THE "PALESTINIAN ENTITY"; UAR INTENTIONS IN PUSHING THIS ISSUE, THE ACTIVITIES OF SHUQAYRI, AND THE REACTIONS TO THIS ENTITY SCHEME BY PALESTINIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN THE VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES. KUWAIT IS PARTICULARLY SEIZED OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO JAFFAR, BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PALESTINIANS EMPLOYED IN KUWAIT.

4. ACCORDING TO AN EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT THE UAR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT ON 1st MARCH RASHID SHIHAB AL-DIN, POPULAR RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION LEADER, RETURNED TO LEBANON FROM CAIRO AND WAS BUSY ORGANIZING PALESTINIAN REFUGEES TO ENSURE AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FOR SHUQAYRI'S UPCOMING VISIT TO LEBANON IN ORDER TO STEAL THE SHOW FROM HUSAYNI. UAR INTELLIGENCE HAS INFORMATION INDICATING

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