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23 September 1952

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: King Zog's Offer to Help Penetrate the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt

PARTICIPANTS:

( ), ( ), and ( )

DATE: 16 September 1952, in ( )'s Office

1. We reviewed the report made by ( ) from Cairo ( ) (IN 3944).
2. It was decided that ( ) should write a letter to King Zog informing him of our general interest in the proposal and that such a letter would serve to keep the King warm until our plans had formalized.
3. In discussing a particular individual who should follow up on this matter and follow through with Zog's offer it was generally decided that for a number of reasons the individual should not be one assigned permanently to Egypt. Zog would, in most respects, simply serve by way of making introductions. Anyone of CIA personnel dealing in this situation would automatically be known to Zog as CIA. Furthermore, it is to be assumed that anyone dealing in this would come to be known by his Muslim Brotherhood contact or contacts as American Intelligence. It was for this reason that we preliminarily discounted the initial use of ( ). We decided that the individual should be considered more expendable than ( ) is in the present Egyptian scene. Therefore, the selection boils down to either a headquarters person signed on a mission in the manner similar to the way ( ) was sent out or an individual from another country who could be sent in periodically just to handle this contact. It was assumed that once the deal was set up and proved to be of value and also proved out security-wise then a boy locally on the scene in Egypt could be brought in to handle it on a continuing basis.
4. The discussion was then left that ( ) would write to Zog and that ( ) and ( ) would cast around for possible candidates to do this initial contact and establishment job. It was our general feeling that this was an opportunity to be capitalized upon and that we should make every effort to do so. ( ) reported that ( ) in [ ] felt the same way.

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5. A brief cable should

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5. A brief cable should be sent to ( ) giving the essence of this discussion and reasonably soliciting their comment as to the method of approach.

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