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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

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On 19 October the Counsellor of the Italian Embassy told the American Counsellor in Cairo of his belief that the Italians might be justified in speaking to the Egyptian Government on behalf of former King Zog of Albania in view of his prominent anti-Communist role. The Italian Counsellor suggested that his Embassy may ask Rome for permission to raise the matter with the Egyptian Foreign Minister. In reply to further inquiry by U.S. Ambassador Caffery on 21 October, the Egyptian Foreign Minister indicated that although he is trying to help Zog, the Vice Premier, the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Finance all insist that Zog settle his tax arrears. The Ambassador stated that he urged restraint and moderation, and indicated subsequently to his CIA contact that this is about as far as he can go on Zog's behalf. ( ) (218, IN 29102, 25 Oct 53)

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