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Dispatch from Karlsruhe:

6. For himself, FRIEDE claims credit for initiating the Germans-to-Syria program. Initially FRIEDE, as he tells the story, was sought out at the Germanicum by a Herr ROEWE, who turned out to be RAUFF. Later, RAUFF brought around and introduced the Syrian HOMSI (who had been an Obersturmbannfuhrer in the Waffen SS). FRIEDE and HOMSI agreed to a pact, according to which FRIEDE would recruit Germans for Syria under the conditions that they would not be used militarily in any Syro*Palestinian conflicts, that they would only be used as teachers and instructors, and that they would not be required to sign any oath of allegiance but merely a contract. Back in Syria, RAUFF treated the recruited Germans as he saw fit, had some thrown into concentration camps released them again according to his own pleasure. At present, according to FRIEDE, there is no strong German group in Syria. (A Count STRACHWITZ is there as a military expert.)

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