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FROM: Syria Desk (EI)

TO: AM (Argentina)

The "Zaki el ZAFI" in Para 4 is Zaki al-ZAFI. See your HAF-27. According to CIR-7922 it was announced on 7 Jan 54 that he had been named Syrian Minister to Italy. Previously he had been Syrian Minister to Argentina.

The matter of putting him the job of Minister to Brazil has been reported in Despatch No. 105 of the U.S. Embassy in Damascus, dated 15 August 1953. Our card entry is as follows: "According to Brazilian Legation, Damascus, the Syrian Govt has requested the agreement of the Brazilian authorities to appointment of subject as Minister to Brazil. Tho of opinion that Brazilian Govt will agree, subj left unsavory record among the Diplomatic Corps in PA. Brazilian Leg characterizes Subj as 'snooper' and Brazilian Govt will no doubt watch subj's conduct with considerable interest and may in the future request his recall if circumstances appear to warrant."

Subj ZAFI should be characterized as a snooper like with his previous career, as according to CIR-7922 he was once Syrian Director of Police and Security.

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