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TO : Deputy Chief [REDACTED] NE

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FROM : Acting Chief [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

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1. [REDACTED] continues to submit reports to us each week via [REDACTED]. He seems to be working earnestly, although his reports to date are based primarily on interviews with various Egyptian leaders. We believe, however, that as a result of his nationality he obtains more information during these interviews than would an American correspondent.

2. [REDACTED] ran into a little trouble on 20 August in the vicinity of Al Azhar when he was observed by one of the local galabiya boys walking along the street with two cameras over his shoulder. As so often happens, the boy started yelling "British spy" and attracted a crowd which roughed [REDACTED] up somewhat and broke one of his cameras. He was rescued by a policeman who, fortunately, could read and who told the crowd that he had a German passport. [REDACTED] was then taken to the police station and received all manner of apologies and attention while there.

3. [REDACTED] seems to have found the situation at Al Azhar very interesting and has submitted a number of papers to us on the feeling toward the West expressed by various people there. Instead of submitting to you copies of his raw reports which contain much overt material, we are extracting the information which seems disseminable and sending it to you in RECs.

4. On 29 August we sent [REDACTED] the following question: "If there is no reason why you should not meet some of the Germans who are here with the Military Mission, we should like to have you do so. We are interested in what they are doing and particularly the details of any research projects in which they may be engaged."

On 18 September [REDACTED] sent back the following report:

"As to German ex-officers in Egypt—

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"In Western Germany it is very well known that the following German ex-officers are actually working with the Egyptian Army: (I give here their former military grades fully acknowledged by the Egyptian Government):

(General) FAHRMBACHER of mobile artillery, family living at Partonkirchon, Bavaria

(Major) Rulle

General Manzel, Commander of Armoured-Cars School, Wunstorf

Colonel Ferche, former General staff officer

(Major) Martins, specialist for training of parachutists

(Major) Goeller, specialist for automatic mines and mines detection.

Had a leading position in building up the 'Atlantic Wall.'

(Lt. Col.) Meckenhauer, specialist for anti-tank weapons and instruction

(Lt.) Henrici, specialist for liaison services, i.e. ultra-short-waves transmission, portable wireless sets u.s.o.

(Colonel) de Boucho, specialist for Radar, ballistics, sets of electrically measuring

(Major) Tiefenbacher, aide-de-camp of General Fahrmbacher

(Doctor) Wilhelm Voss, former leading Director of Hermann-Goring-Werke, then General Manager of Skoda, during occupation of Czechoslovakia.

Recently a few officers from General Student's former parachutists divisions have arrived. I do not yet know their names. They will instruct Egyptian troops in parachutist employment and in anti-parachutist action. Some more specialists are being awaited for improving Egypt's own weapon and ammunition production.

"All these officers are exclusively engaged in instruction of officers and men. General Fahrmbacher and Doctor Voss are occupied with procuring arms and equipment according to a several years plan for modernizing Egyptian armed forces. They are not in the least interested in political affairs. They are all honest and irreproachable men. Their training activities are highly appreciated by Egyptian military circles.

"Although finding full support of War Ministry and High Command, they have difficulties in the army. They meet arrogance and stubbornness of half-civilized officers who are believing to know everything better than German instructors. Arrogance of officer corps in the troops now increasing because of increasing national feelings. They are not too regularly paid by the Egyptian Government. They are devoted to their work, are now living in close contact with one another, but prefer total isolation from Egyptian and European population. Are horrified to see tactless journalists. Have nothing to fear from publicity, but too many sensational and defaming reports were made by badly intentioned journalists.

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