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Dr. W. Beissner and Joachim G.A. Hertel

1. Dr. W. Beissner, former German SS Officer who now resides in Egypt, is approximately 40 years old. He was in Department VI of the Reichsicherheitshauptamt (Reich Head Security Office). Beissner has stated that he worked from Italy and that he was in North Africa in 1940-1941. He became acquainted with the ex-Mufti Haj Amin al-Busayni in Berlin.
2. Beissner was formerly associated with Joachim G.A. Hertel, of 23 Wilhelmstrasse of Bruck near Bonn and managed Hertel's Egyptian office (the Egyptian Continental Trading Company) at 2 Sharia Sharif Paaba, Apartment 97, Cairo (telephone number 53225). Although no longer associated with Hertel, Beissner remains as the sole tenant of Apartment 97 and uses it both as an office and living quarters. His wife helps in the office work. He has given up the apartment he formerly had at Zamalek.
3. Beissner has business contacts with Otto Skorseny, former German command expert now residing in Spain, for whom he arranged interviews with Egyptian personalities in Cairo. Beissner has maintained his private contacts with Dr. Wilhelm Voss, head of the German advisory group in Egypt. Beissner made use of his connections with ex-Mufti Busayni on behalf of two alleged associates of Dr. Voss: former General Otto Ernst Remer, and Springer (fnu) who came to Cairo in June 1953 for the second time.
4. In October 1953, the Egyptian Ministry of the Interior decided to grant a hitherto denied visa to Hertel, and so informed the Frankfurt Consulate General. Although Hertel was notified of this action, he had not utilized the visa by 8 November 1953.

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5. Dr. Fritz Wilhelm Voss, head of the German Advisory Group in Egypt, is continuing his attempts to persuade former German aircraft manufacturers to invest in joint German-Egyptian aircraft factories.
6. On 24 October 1953 Dr. Voss arrived in Frankfurt from Bonn. On 25 October he met with the Egyptian Consul General and, on 26 October left Frankfurt for Stuttgart to meet with German aircraft manufacturer Professor Ernst Heinkel. After his meeting with Heinkel, Voss went to Munich to return by air to Cairo.
7. Voss returned to Germany in December 1953, visited in the Ruhr area, and then went to Stuttgart where he again had several meetings with Professor Heinkel. Voss was accompanied on his trip to Germany by Marek (fmu) a senior official of the Egyptian Ministry of War, and by Shawki (fmu), an Egyptian Air Force officer. Some direct communications with the Egyptian Ministry of War in Cairo took place before Voss left Munich by air in mid-December 1953.
8. The projected arrangements with Heinkel are not developing as smoothly as anticipated because of the Egyptian Government's reluctance to comply with the financial provisions. A letter of credit to be opened by the Egyptian Government in Frankfurt, possibly via the Consulate General, has not yet been arranged.

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