

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ RT

COUNTRY Egypt

DATE DISTR. 29 November 1948

SUBJECT 1. Leone Romano, Communist Suspect
2. Karl Meitz, Zionist Suspect
25X1A6a

NO. OF PAGES 1

PLACE ACQUIRED

NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF I

25X1X6

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

25X1A6a

1. The apartment of Leone Romano, at 2 Sharia Champalion a Mazarita, Alexandria, was entered and searched by the Egyptian political police, who suspect Romano of communist activity and of contacting Zionist extremists. ^{25X1A6a} Comment. The following information was received in July 1948 from the same source as that of the present report: Romano was born in Egypt of Italian parents, but left that country at an early age. During the Spanish Civil War, he was a member of an international brigade. Since then he has become a militant Communist, according to source. In 1938 he returned to Egypt; and in 1942 was interned by the Allied authorities. Romano is said to have worked against the British in Palestine during World War II. He was reported as of June 1948 to be engaged in subversive propaganda activity.)
2. The police found among Romano's ^{25X1A6a} papers a letter written from Germany by the father of Kurt Meitz. (Comment. Kurt Meitz was among those implicated in the May 1947 bombings in Cairo.) The father's letter asked that Romano interest himself in Meitz's defense before the Egyptian courts. On the basis of this letter the police have concluded that, since Romano is a Jew, Meitz's participation in the bombings was in the capacity of a Zionist agent. Romano is still under investigation by the police.

This document is hereby regarded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.
Next Review Date: 2008

Document No. 010
NO CHANGE in Class.
 DECLASSIFIED
Class. CHANGED TO: TS S C
DDA Memo: 4 Apr 77
Auth: DDA 77/2783
Date: 12 MAY 1978 by ca

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSRB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISTRIBUTION							
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										

WARNING NOTICE: THIS DISTRIBUTION LISTING MUST BE

EXCISED BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THIS DOCUMENT.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~