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SUBJECT: SAMPLES OF ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

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There are enclosed two copies of each of two anti-Communist documents and one copy of a third, all of which have been recently distributed through the mails in Baghdad.

Enclosure Number one is a mimeographed sheet entitled, "The Communist Truth", devoted to proving that Communism is atheistic and inimical to Islam. It quotes extensively from the statements and writings of Communist leaders. The source of this leaflet is unknown to the Embassy.

Enclosure Number two is a pamphlet entitled, "We Are In Danger," which was published by the Directorate-General of Propaganda and distributed without attribution to 500 addresses in Baghdad furnished from the mailing list of USIS.

The pamphlet contains three articles from "Three Nationalists." The first is a reprint of an editorial from the newspaper Al Yaqdha in which the Communists are criticized for referring in friendly terms to Israel. (See Embdes 383, Dec. 5, 1953). This article was, according to the Director-General of Propaganda, written by Hassan Dujaili, a prominent young nationalist, presently Director General of Administration in the Ministry of Education. The second article is a letter to the author of the Al Yaqdha editorial from one Ahmad Naji Al-Kurawi, who says that no one should be surprised at the expression of pro-Jewish sentiments by the Communists.

The third article in this pamphlet attributed to "A student in the fourth class of one of the colleges," is a confession of unintentional pro-Communist (and, therefore, by implication, pro-Zionist) activity, under the title, "I am a Zionist."

Enclosure Three is also a pamphlet published and distributed by the Director General of Propaganda, entitled "About the Communist Jewish Thinking," by Ma'an al-Ajly. This contains a series of articles reprinted from Al-Sijl newspaper which discuss the relationships between Islam and Communism. The articles criticize a pro-

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Communist book, widely circulated in an Arabic version, Henry Dennis' book, "The Crisis of Economic Thought," because the forward was written by a Jew.

COMMENT:

These three documents are among the first anti-Communist material to be distributed here. The latter two represent the first attempt by the Government in this field. The heavy emphasis on the links between Communism and Zionism in the two Government pamphlets arises from the feeling of the Director General of Propaganda that this is the best anti-Communist approach. This approach has not, however, had the popular reaction expected and future Government anti-Communist newspaper articles and pamphlets can be expected to place more emphasis on the anti-nationalist, rather than the pro-Zionist, aspect of Communism.

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