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Dear General Burns,

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We have on a number of occasions drawn your attention to the existence of Fadayeen organizations in Arab countries other than Egypt, and in particular in Jordan. I should like to bring to your notice two recent Arab reports confirming the existence of these organizations.

On 29 August 1956 at 0625 hours Radio Cairo reported: "The Fadayeen Commanders in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Gaza met in secret session in order to work out a defence plan for the case of an attack against Egypt. They warned the Western Powers that they will sabotage the western petrol installations in case of an attack on Egypt".

The same report was published in the Cairo daily "El-Ahram" on 29 August 1956.

The same newspaper, on 30 August 1956, as reported by the M.E. News Agency and U.P., stated that: "Soubhi-El-Khatib the head of the Syrian Federation of Trade Unions declared that the Fadayeen Commanders in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, the Gaza strip, the Emirates on the Persian Gulf, and the Emirates under British protection held yesterday (29 August 1956) a secret conference in Lebanon and adopted secret decisions of great importance in order to give real help to Egypt in connection with the Suez Canal problem. Soubhi-El-Khatib stressed further that there

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decisions provide for the ways of joint action of the Fidayeen units against aggression by Great Britain or France against Egypt and that he was instructed by the conference to inform the Syrian Government of the above-mentioned decisions. The conference decided also to appeal to the Syrian Government and to the 'Syrian-Arab Committee for aid to Egypt' to assemble leaders of Arab Freedom movements and delegates from Arab nations and parties to an urgent meeting in order to decide on the ways of Arab national resistance in case of an attack on Egypt".

Sincerely yours,

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