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SUBJECT: Communist Publications Found on Sale in Kuwait Baghdad - 1 Damascus - 1

The Consulate encloses with this despatch translations of the Tables of Contents of five Communist propaganda publications purchased from the Kuwait Office, a small agency for advertising, newspapers, and other publications which was founded some months ago by a Lebanese national, Mohamed Sadek AL-ARIFI. In connection with the latter's nationality, it is interesting to note that the books were published in Beirut. As would appear from the contents, at least two of these books are strongly anti-American and adopt the usual Communist approach toward such subjects as the "negro drama", "Wall Street", etc.. Doubtless these books have already been circulated in Beirut and other parts of the Arab world.

Discovery of these Communist-line books has come at a time when the Kuwait Public Security Department has at last begun to consider doing something about establishing anti-subversive controls in this country (to be reported separately). The Consulate has informed the Political Agency and the Public Security Adviser concerning its discovery of these books and has suggested that the Kuwait Office and its owner be placed under immediate surveillance to determine what other activity the Office may be carrying out and what contacts Arifi may have in Kuwait.

The Consulate is reporting further on recent developments in subversive activities in Kuwait in following despatches.

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Enclosures: Table of Contents and publishing data on five Communist-line publications. Action Taken Information noted

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LIST OF TITLES IN TEACH YOURSELF SERIES PUBLISHED IN BEIRUT

1. HOW TO GAIN HAPPINESS, Bertrand Russell
2. LEADERS OF MODERN THOUGHT (KARL MARX, BERNARD. SHAW, ETC.), Professor Coots
3. MODERN PSYCHOLOGY, Professor Sargent
4. HOW TO THINK, Doctor Gibson
5. ALPHABET OF ILLNESS AND RECOVERY, Dr. Copeland
6. EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND THE PERIOD OF THE RENAISSANCE, Professor Sheefal (?)
7. THE BASES OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM (2nd Ed.), Professor Victor Berlo
8. DEATH OF DEMOCRACY IN THE NEW WORLD, Albert A. Kann
9. PHILOSOPHY FROM CHINA, Lin Yutang
10. WORLD HUMANITY STORIES, Chekhov, Tolstoy, etc.

The Teach Yourself Series is called a "Series of simplified books for spreading general culture, subjects selected and translated into Arabic by Munir al-Ba'albaky. Published by the Knowledge for Millions House, Beirut, Lebanon

7. THE BASES OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, by the American Economic Scholar, Victor Berlo (Perlo ?), Second Edition, Beirut, 1954, Foreword by Dr. George Hanna, p. 3.

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Albert A. Kaan (Kahn, Kann ???), Beirut, February 1953.

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Authors: Elia Ehrenberg, Anwar Mohamed Khanli, Euri Ritkiyu, Sergii Antounov, and Vosvelod Kotchtov

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