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From Anne:

General Lengyel reached [redacted] on the phone who told him the decision has not been announced formally. You will have seen Don's email indicating that [redacted] reported to him that the SCAF had selected el Ganzouri. We assume that Amr Moussa would not meet their conditions, much as el Baradei did not, as we reported in a previous email today.

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I just talked to [redacted] who confirmed that the decision had been made. "What did we think?" he asked. I said it entirely depended on whether political power had really been turned over to him and the subsequent reaction of the demonstrators and the political parties. As we pursued this topic, it was clear that civilian power has not really been turned over to Mr. el Ganzouri, since [redacted] said the SCAF's rule was defined by "constitutional decrees" (promulgated by the SCAF) and that the term of this government would only be seven months (i.e. before presidential elections.) [redacted] said el Ganzouri has a reputation for integrity and that he has broad acceptance within the political parties. (This is confirmed by local members of my staff.) I asked about his advanced age – perhaps not the best question for SCAF generals – and he said that we had lots of politicians like Senator McCain who were in their seventies and did just fine. I asked about their discussions with Amr Moussa. [redacted] said it "didn't work out."

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He was born around 1933.