

No date: 1933? SF to KF - I Am Your Camel - missing first page – written on different paper.

My wife, everything is needed from you. May God keep you and protect you as a source of support for us, Um (mother of) George. Have no worries. I am your camel. Hopefully soon I will send you money, but give me some time - few weeks - so I can repay my best man. He (unreadable) told me that he needs them and I had to give it to him, but I do not want to get stuck here. But do not worry things will be solved.

He told me that if I come back and open a store, things will be good. But don't keep harping on about coming back to America because I am not staying here and I miss you a lot and my whole desire is to go back as soon as I solve my problems here. I want you to be happy. You and my family. Because nothing in the world matters to me as much as hearing that you are good to each other.

As for money, have no worry, because soon you will have it. As for your comment that my mother and father, my sister and her son did not like the gifts, tell them it's my mistake because I did not want to waste money at the present time because I am jinxed and the situation is terrible and I lost a lot of money in sending back the family. The situation here has been terrible for two years and I have borrowed money to send back to the family and for this reason I could not send proper gifts. But when I go back to the homeland they will see what gifts are like. Soon, God willing, I will be happy in seeing you and will bring with me lots of gifts and money and we will be together.

As for work, it is slightly better. Every day I make 60 real (dollars) and sometimes more. I have brought Khalil here and we rented a house which we moved to, Khalil and I and Julia. And we are all very happy. Have no fear but take care of yourself and your health and take care of the children.

I kiss your cheeks and the cheeks of Mary because I always dream of her. 1000 greetings to my dear mother, and I seek her blessing and to my dear father, and I seek his blessing and to my dear sister. And tell her that when I return I will bring her the most beautiful shawl and will not forget anybody this time.

Greetings also to my nephew Issa and tell him to not think I have forgotten my dear niece Khadra because I do not forget anybody. Greetings to all my dear cousins and their children and those who ask about me.

From our end, our dear daughter Julia and cousin Khalil all send you their love and greetings.

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