

1935 Nov 3 Suleiman to KF – sell everything but a few things and come

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Dear Kathryn,

After sending my kisses, I hope that all of you are well and in good health. All of us are in good health and we miss seeing you. I did send a letter when we first arrived and until now I have not got a reply. I hope everything is fine.

I really love our country and it has become much better. The work is much better than America and also my land is good and no one here is taking care of it, because my father is old and he cannot take care of the property. Please sell the house and the store and everything we own and bring the children immediately. Just don't sell the adding machine, bring it with you. Also, bring the small safe, if you can, but if it is too heavy, just bring the adding machine. Bring also the good music records for the phonograph. If you bring the adding machine, do not forget to get some paper for it. Sell everything else and come back home.

Shop owners here have good business here and if we open a store in Jerusalem the income from that and the property will mean we can live well. I would also like you to know that your brother Mitri came to visit us and he is back from Romania, we were glad to see him. He told me that your father and mother are planning to come back home at the beginning of next summer. Your second brother is looking for a store to start a business in Jerusalem.

I am sending a letter to Khalil (Charlie Farhat) with this letter to our house address in South San Francisco, please give it to him, or give it to one of the San Francisco people to give it to him. Try to come home with my cousin Khalil/Charlie, I sent him the letter to come back home because their debts were paid back and so you can tell him not to worry about anything.

Start selling everything upon receiving this letter. Please call the Butler Brothers and they will help you in selling things. Also keep the small book with the names and addresses of the merchants, we might need them here.

Please send a reply to this letter as soon as you can, because I am worried about you, it has been a while since I last received news from you. I sent you two packages, one of them has clothes for the children and the second one has baklava for the children. Let me know if you got them.

George is doing great, I enrolled him in the Friends school and now-a-days he is doing very well, do not worry about him. Thank God he is now a big man, almost as tall as me. Give my regards and kisses to Fred and Mary, to our godfather Hanna Ke'abni and to the godfather Frank Lewis, and to the brother Twafik Al-Aswad and his daughter and to my cousin Charlie, and to all who ask about me. Best regards from my father and mother and George, from my sister and her children and all the relatives send you their regards. Also your brother Mitri and your sisters Na'ame and Liza send you their regards.

I wish you a long life and I miss you
Suleiman Jyries Farhat

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