

1936 Jan 11 – Suleiman to Katherine – Orthodox New Year, last ditch attempt

Ramallah

My dear cousin, may God preserve her for me. Greetings, etc. and special greetings for the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ beseeching the Lord Jesus to bring us together soonest.

At this period, I am working on the land and therefore I cannot write you at length because I am always busy. I sent you two letters concerning your return with the children. Unfortunately, I have not received an answer and I wonder what your reason is. Please let me know immediately if you intend to come back and tell me if you do not intend to come back. I sent you two letters three months ago, and so far, no answer. Please write immediately because receiving your letters is like seeing you. I cannot go back, for my father is in old age and I need to be here to take care of the land. We have to take care of these properties in the same manner that my father and his father before him have done. As for George, we received his excellent grade report during the holiday break. He is advancing in his lessons and is very successful. Please tell me about Fuad and Mary and how they are doing in their lessons and tell me about your health and all you are doing, in detail. If you sold the store, let me know. If you did not sell the store, let me know, but bring the kids and come here for we are the best people for each other, my cousin [wife]. I don't have to go through the details. My greetings to your dear soul, and to our dear children Fuad and Mary and to my cousin Khalil and to our godfather Hanna Al K'eibny and to our godfather Frank Lewis and to brother Mr. Eswood (unknown) and his daughter Mary and to everybody who asks about me at your end. From here, my mother and father and sister and their children send you their greetings. Your cousin [husband] who blesses you and misses seeing you,
Suleiman Farhat
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(this letter was dictated to an unknown writer)

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