

No date, 1933 probably Sept or October - Fred Farhat to Suleiman - Fred's first letter

My dear father Suleiman,

I have not written to you before because I did not know how to read and write. Now I have learnt how to read and write and I send you this letter in my own handwriting. My dear father, I have to tell you about my mother. She took our clothes and gave them to her sister's children. Except one suit for each one of us and one pair of slacks for each one of us. Nothing good comes from her. In addition, she only left us with the 'tarabish' that my grandfather bought. She is selling our clothes and she is saying that she is sick. She is lying. She is healthy like a cow. We are now in the Orthodox School. She has taken us out of the American (*Friends*) School. May God protect you and save you. Please send us some clothes to protect us from the cold.

- Fred (Fouad) Farhat

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