

1938 May 12 Abdullah Mikhel and Miriam Sa'ade [parents] to Katherine

Our dear daughter Katrina, may God protect her.

Greetings, etc. We have sent you a letter and until now, have not heard from you. I want you to know that 20 days ago we went to Ramallah with our daughter Zeina to check on your son George, but we were unable to see him. Today we went back to Ramallah and we were not able to see him. We saw some people who told us that he is at work. We left our address with a woman from there and asked her to check on him and tell us about his condition. We also heard from Ramallah sources that Suleiman has left notice at all the Consulates not to allow George an exit permit. We also received a letter from your brother Nicola in which he indicated that they intend to prepare the Minister of Interior papers to George. When these papers arrive, I'll let you know what happens. [Unreadable]. Please let us know if you received it [the money?]. Hearty greetings to Miss Julia and Mary and Freddy [Fuad]. The greetings to your sister Jamileh and her family and your sister Nusa with her children. From here everybody sends their greetings.

P.S. I want you to know, concerning the woman we had asked to check on George, we have not heard from her. We asked her not to bring this affair to anybody's attention because she is an in-law of Suleiman Farhat and she is known to our son Nicholas. We expressly asked her not to let Abu Suleiman [Jiryas] in on this. Secondly, Suleiman is afraid that you will send him [George] away and he [Suleiman] has given notice to all the consulates to prevent George from traveling. For a long time, we haven't seen him here. Your mother and your father send you their greetings and blessings.

P.S. I want you to know that if George manages to solve his affairs, we will do our utmost to send him to you and if he does not manage, we will borrow money on interest and have him travel to you.

Translated by Salim Tamari