1935 Jul 25 Suleiman to KF – in Texas, going to NY

My dear cousin Katrina, may God protect her,

Greetings, etc. I am writing this to tell you that suddenly the weather has changed here in Texas. It's been two weeks now that I have been in Ft. Worth, Texas and I was hit with a high fever. I went to the doctor who told me not to travel until I get better and that is why I am still here. Thank God I am now better and my health has been restored. Do not worry about me. As for business, it is not what it should be. We do not sell enough to cover expenses. Soon I will arrive in St. Louis. Please write to me soon so I will be assured. I have been waiting for a letter from you to Ft. Worth. Unfortunately, it never came. Please write to me the same day as you get this letter, so I will get it before I leave. I tried to send gifts to Fuad and Mary but everything is expensive. Everything is cheaper in New York because I get items wholesale there. In a few weeks I will be in New York and will send them from there. Please let me know what they want and I will send them things that they like. A thousand greetings to your dear soul and to our dear Fuad and Mary and to our dear brother Tawfik El Aswad and to his daughter Mary and to our godfather Hanna K'eibni with his family and to our godfather Frank [Lewis] and his family.

Your cousin who misses you, Suleiman Jiryes Farhat

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