

1935 June 14 Suleiman to Katherine – from El Paso

My dear cousin Katrina, may God preserve her,

Greetings, etc. My dear cousin [wife], until this moment, I haven't received one letter from you. I hope there is nothing wrong. I am very worried about you and I need you to write immediately and reassure me that you are all well. Please tell me if Mary asks about me or if she doesn't. How is she? Does she still speak good Arabic? Please make sure that she never forgets her Arabic. Business here is very bad. We only cover our expenses. I have with me here a Muslim friend. His name is Mahmood from Lyddah and he intends to go back to the country. That is all. A thousand greetings to your dear soul and to our dear children Fuad and Mary and to our dear brother Tawfiq El Aswad and to his daughter and to our godfather Hanna [K'eibni] with his family and to our godfather Frank [Lewis] and his family.

P.S. Please write to this address: General Delivery El Paso Texas

Translated by Salim Tamari

From this letter, we learned that Suleiman never saw Mary in the US – Kathy Kenny's comment.