

1935 May 17 Suleiman to Katherine – just arrived in LA

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My dear cousin Katrina, may God preserve her,

Greetings, etc.

I am writing to tell you that I arrived in Los Angeles three days ago. I went to see the woman who put down the deposit on the land. I convinced her to take the land with everything on it. Then we went to the escrow company and signed everything. They told me that you must also sign. Therefore, if you receive a communication from them, then please do sign it. I hope you are happy. How are the children? Please write to me and let me know about your situation. Take care of yourself and the children. I am sending a parcel post gift to Mary, a dress and toys, and to Fuad, a pair of trousers and a car. You will need to buy batteries for the car so it will run. Please send me a letter to this address, because if I leave from here they will send it to me with the merchandise, I mean to Los Angeles. That is all.

Greetings to our dear Fuad and Mary and to your dear soul and greetings to brother Tawkif and to Mary and to our godfather Hanna K'eibni and his household and to *compadre* [godfather] Frank and his family. And to everybody by your end who asks about me. From here everybody sends their greetings.

With my blessings,

Your cousin

Suleiman Jiryes Farhat

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