1937 Nov 5 Miriam to KF – George in Bethlehem, Suleiman in court

George has come secretly to visit us. He has become a man. Suleiman came to Bethlehem, but did not visit because we'll 'kill him'. The government people are looking for George, Suleiman and grandfather beat him for not selling tomatoes so he ran to Beit Jala and picked olives. They [Farhats] took away his bed and now they make him sleep on the floor. They took him to the government house and filed a complaint, they told us to keep him at 'your house' until his father comes. George stayed for 10 days, then we went to market and saw Suleiman who took him saying, "this is not your son - he's my son".

Send us a document in the name of our father, Anton Karra'a, with a Power of Attorney so that we can defend your rights. Ask your in-law to write a paper notarized so they can defend your rights. Send regards to sister Jamileh, Jamil and the children.

P.S. Suleiman says "she was with me without marital bond" and says that the Ecclesiastical court shows that you are not legally married. He says "I am getting rid of her".

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