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דיר אל סולטן

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27 October 1972

His Excellency Dr. Anba Basilios,
Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East,
P.O. Box 14006,
Jerusalem.

Your Excellency,

I am instructed by the Prime Minister
to confirm receipt of your recent letter, post-marked
5 October 1972.

Your letter has been transmitted to
the Minister of Justice. I understand that the
Ministry's Director General will be communicating
with you shortly in the matter.

Yours respectfully,

M. Aron

✓ cc. (unmarked) Eli Mizrahi, Prime Minister's Bureau

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19 באוקטובר 1972

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אל : ד"ר פ. קולבי, מנהל המחלקה לעדות נוצרית, משרד החוץ
מאת: סגן מנהל לשכת ראש הממשלה

ד"ר קולבי הנכבד,

תודה על מכתבך מ-9.10.72. את נביא בצירוף
החומר בפני ראש הממשלה.

עם זאת ברצוננו לציין כי ראש הממשלה לא קיבלה
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ומזכיר הממשלה העביר אותה לשר המשפטים, המשמש יושב-ראש
ועדת השרים לענין הסכסוך האתיופי-קופטי.

ב ב ר כ ה,

אלי מזרחי

מדינת ישראל

לשכת ראש הממשלה

ירושלים, י' בחשוון תשל"ג
18 באוקטובר 1972

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השרים לענין הסכסוך האתיופי-קופטי.

אנני האמנה

בברכה,

אלי מזרחי

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מזכירות הממשלה

מזכיר הממשלה

ירושלים, ה' בחשון תשל"ג
16 באוקטובר 1972

אל: מר א. מזרחי, לשכת ראש הממשלה

הגדרון: תלונת הארכיבישוף הקופטי

אני מחזיר לך מצורף בזה את מכתבו של ד"ר פ קולבי, מיום א' בחשון תשל"ג (9.10.72), בקשר לג"ל.

בראה לי כי ניתן להשיב לד"ר קולבי כי ראש הממשלה לא קיבלה כל תלונה מאת הארכיבישוף בקשר לעבודות.

פנייתו האחרונה של הארכיבישוף בסבה על הצורך לקדם את פתרון הבעיה כולה ומכתב זה הועבר לשר המשפטים, המשמש יושב-ראש ועדת השרים לענין הסכסוך האתיופי-קופטי, לטיפול.

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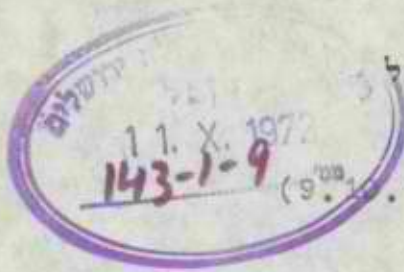
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מדינת ישראל

משרד הדתות - המחלקה לעדות נוצריות

כ"ה, ירושלים, א' מרחשון השל"ג (9.10.72)

תאריך:

כספ: 29/1/13

מספר:

אל: מנהל לשכת ראש הממשלה, משרד ראש הממשלה, ירושלים

הנדון: חלונת הארכיבישוף הקופטי.

נודע לנו, כי הארכיבישוף הקופטי שלח מחאה לכב' ראש הממשלה בקשר לעבודות שמשרד הדתות מתכוון לבצע כאמצעות מ.ע.צ. כגג של שחי הקפלות

St. Michael and The Four Bodiless Living Creatures.

שר הדתות בקשני להמציא לכב' ראש הממשלה העתקים מסכומים שכתבתי לארכיבישוף הקופטי בנדון, המבהרים את הענין, ולפיהם יוכחו באי-הצדק של מחאות הארכיבישוף הקופטי.

בברכה

ד"ר פ. קולני
מנהל המחלקה ויועץ השר לעניני הנוצרים

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STATE OF ISRAEL

Ministry of Religious Affairs

Department for Christian Communities

ref.no. 29/1/13

Jerusalem, Tishri 25, 5733
October 3, 1972

H.Exc. Dr. Anba Basilus,
Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of Jerusalem,
The Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem,
P.O.B. 19/4006, Jerusalem, Old City.

Your Excellency,

Having noted the very bad condition of the roofs of the two chapels of 'St. Michael' and 'The Four Bodiless Living Creatures', we have decided that the governmental Department of Public Works should make the necessary repairs.

According to the 'Status Quo' the Greek-Orthodox Patriarchate will see to it, that the slabs of that area of the terrace which is above the two chapels, are removed. When the Department of Public Works will complete the necessary repairs, the Greek-Orthodox Patriarchate - according to the 'Status Quo', will see to the replacement of the slabs and to the proper printing.

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) Dr. P. Colbi
Director of the Department

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STATE OF ISRAEL

Ministry of Religious Affairs

Department for Christian Communities

Jerusalem, Tishri 30, 5733
October 8, 1972

ref. no. 29/1/13b

H. Exc. Dr. Anba Basilius,
Coptic Orthodox Archbishop,
Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate,
Jerusalem, Old City.

Your Excellency,

In reply to your telegram and your letter of October 5, 1972, addressed to H. Exc. the Minister of Religious Affairs (copy to myself), I have the honour to inform you, that the repairs to be carried out concern the roof only and not the interior of the two Chapels of St. Michael and the Four Bodiless Living Creatures.

The roof is under the control of the Greek-Orthodox Patriarchate (~~the~~ Cust) and the said Patriarchate - according to the Status Quo - will take away and replace the slabs of the roof.

It is common knowledge that the necessary repairs to Holy Places, coming ~~with~~ under the 'Status Quo', are carried out by the Department of Public Works, I therefore see no reason for Your Excellency's protests.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Dr. P. Golbi
Director of the Department

Department of Agriculture

Washington, D. C.

Office of the Director

June 10, 1918

Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. regarding the matter of the proposed amendment to the act of March 3, 1907, relating to the control of the export of certain commodities. The Department is currently reviewing the proposed amendment and will advise you of the results of its consideration as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director

Very truly yours,

Director

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ירושלים, ב' בחשוון תשל"ב
10 באוקטובר 1972

אלו שר המשפטים

הנדון: הסכורך האמיופי-קופטי

- 1. ... אני מצרף בזה העתק מכתב אותו קיבלה ראש הממשלה מאת הארכיבישוף הקופטי - האורתודוכסי, ד"ר אבנא בסיליוס, בקשר לב"ל.
- 2. ... חליפת המכתבים הקודמת אליה מתייחס בסיליוס אף היא מצורפת בזה - העתק מכתבו לראש הממשלה מיום ו' באב תשל"ב (17.7.72) והעתק תשובתי, בשמה, אותה כתבתי ביום ט"ז באב תשל"ב (27.7.72), על דעתו של היועץ המשפטי לממשלה.
- 3. ... מכתבו האחרון של בסיליוס טרם נענה על-ידנו ואודה לך על הבהירות לגבי התשובה. אולי היה המתאים ביותר, גם כדי להרוויח זמן, כי בסיליוס יקבל את התשובה ממך, כיושב-ראש ועדף השרים.
- 4. ... כזכור התקיימה הישיבה האחרונה של ועדת השרים אשר בתמנתה נשעתר כדי לטפל בבעיה זו ביום ט"ו בסיוון תשל"א (8.6.71).
אודה על הבהירותך אם ומתי לכנס את הועדה לישיבתה הנאה.

ב ב ר כ ה

(-) מ. ארנון

מיכאל ארנון

העתק: טר א. מזרחי, לשכת ראש הממשלה

ΠΑΡΧΗΤΑΡΧΗΣ ΠΙΡΗΛΙΩΝ
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بطريرك القسطنطينية والشرق الارثوذكسي
للأقباط الأرثوذكس بالقدس

تليفون ٢٢٤٣ ، ٤٤٠٥ - ص. ب ٤٤٠٦
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THE COPTIC ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE
OF JERUSALEM & THE NEAR EAST

JERUSALEM (OLD CITY) - ~~XXXXXX~~
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Her Excellency ,
The Prime Minister , Mrs. Golda Meir ,
Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

In reference to Your Excellency's letter dated 27th of July 1972 , written in answer to our letter addressed to Your Excellency on 17 , July 1972 concerning our forcibly usurped Holy Places in our Coptic Monastery Deir El-Sultan , Jerusalem .

May we submit to Your Excellency the following :-

1- The Ministerial Committee formed on 28/3/1971 , of the Minister of Justice Chairman, the Minister of Foreign Affairs , Police and Religious Affairs had held two meetings only. The first on 31/3/1971 and the second on 8/6/1971 . The Minister of Justice had declared at the end of both meetings that the committee will very soon submit its recommendations , but the committee had remained for long months before the Chairman , the Minister of Justice resigned from his post without fulfilling its promise.

2- We believe that the matter does not need all this long time. The matter is quite clear as there are Churches that had been forcibly usurped last Easter Eve on 25/4/1970 . What is required is the restitution of these usurped Holy Places to their rightful owners , in order to achieve Justice and to keep the Status Quo which these Holy Places are subject to . And to keep the promises made by the Israeli Government on its entering the Old City of Jerusalem that it will keep and protect the Status Quo in the Holy Places. It is clear that the Israeli Government had seen that these forcibly usurped Holy Places and Churches have been in our hands for long years till the Eve of 25/4/1970 , when these were forcibly usurped as we have mentioned.

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3- In addition to this the High Court of Justice had investigated in the matter and issued its decision on 16/3/1971 condemning this aggression and stated that it is against public order and security, and has clearly explained without any room for suspect that these Holy Places are our Holy Places and have been in our hands alone till they were forcibly usurped on 25/4/1970. What more does the committee want ?

4- The Ministerial Committee as well as the President and members of the High Court of Justice have visited our usurped Holy Places and Churches and have seen the Coptic inscriptions and decorations on the Holy Iconostasises of these Churches which proved to them that these churches have been in our hands for hundreds of years as the dates inscribed on the Iconostasises of these churches point to.

5- In spite of all this, His Excellency the Minister of Justice Mr. Y.S. Shapiro has returned to his office since a long period yet the Ministerial Committee has done nothing to restore to us our forcibly usurped Holy Places.

6- Hereby, we would like to make clear that as the Government has not done its duty to restore our usurped Holy Places although this long period has passed since our Holy Places have been usurped on 25/4/1970 , and since the Ministerial Committee mentioned in your last letter was formed on 28/3/1971 and until now is clearly slighting and insulting in regard to the maintenance and protection of the Status Quo in the Holy Places which the Government since the very first moment has promised to protect and safeguard, as we have mentioned above. As well it stirs a lot of suspect concerning the intention of the Government in regard to the Christian Holy Places on the whole and particularly in regard to our Holy Places. A matter we do not accept neither does the Government .

7- We have explained in our previous letters that as a result of the usurpation of our Holy Places, our religious services and prayers have been

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THE COPTIC ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE
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delayed in these churches until now, yet the Government has done nothing.

Hereby , we insist that our Holy Places and forcibly usurped churches be restored to us urgently , in execution of the decision of the High Court of Justice , Jerusalem No 109/70 , dated 16/3/1971, in order to protect and safeguard the Status Quo and to achieve Justice which we believe that it is most necessary that the Government should protect and keep.

Awaiting Your Excellency's reply .

With our respects .

Yours Faithfully

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East.

ירושלים, י"ח באלול תשל"ב
28 באוגוסט 1972

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אלו שר הדתות

ראש הממשלה ביקשתני לאשר את קבלת מכתבך מיום
כ"ט באב תשל"ב (9.8.72), בקשר לועדת השרים לענין
הסכסוך הקופטי-אתיופי ברובו דר אס-סולטן.

אני מצרף בזה את העמק מכתב המשובה אותו כתבתי
לארכיבישוף בסיליוט, בשם ראש הממשלה, במשובה על מכתבו
אליך אתה מתייחס.

~~ב נ כ ה~~

~~מיכאל ארנון~~

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Your Excellency,

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As Your Excellency is probably aware, the Minister of Justice, Mr. Y. S. Shapiro, who had served as Chairman of the Ministerial Committee dealing with the dispute between the Coptic Orthodox community and the Ethiopian Orthodox community, submitted his resignation. His successor has not yet been appointed.

As should be readily understood, Minister Shapiro's resignation has caused an unavoidable postponement in the deliberations of the Ministerial Committee.

We shall certainly see to it that the matter be brought to the attention of the new Minister of Justice, immediately upon his appointment, so that the Ministerial Committee's deliberations could be resumed.

Yours respectfully,

Michael Arnon

cc. (unmarked)
Meir Shamgar
✓ Eli Mizrahi

27 July 1972

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17/7/1972 ,

Her Excellency ,
The Prime Minister , Mrs. Golda Meir ,
Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

In refernce to the previous several letters sent to you of which the last one was on 16/3/1972 , in which we attached a copy of our letter to the Minister of Justice concerning our usurped Holy Places and Churches in our Coptic Monastery Deir-El-Sultan ,Jerusalem.

As well,we refer to the reply of the secretary to the Govern-ment sent to us on 23/3/1972 , mentioning that Your Excellency have transfered the letter to the Minister of Justice and that he will soon write to us.

Herein , we again mention that until now we have received no answer in this concern inspite of the long period that has passed .

We have previously informed you in our previous letters that the usurpation of our Holy Places by force on Easter Eve 25/4/1970 which was condemned by the High Court of Justice in its decision No. 109/70 , dated 16/3/1971 , in which it stated that this aggression is against security and Public Order , the like of which has never happened in the history of the Holy Places . The authorities should have kept and protect- ed order and should prevent the aggression especially in the Holy Places, as this is considered of its most necessary duties towards the Holy Places in order to keep and protect the Status Quo .

To day , we again repeat that the unrestituting of our forcibly usurped Holy Places to us until now is a matter that contradicts with the simplest principles of Justice , as well opposes what the Government always declares that it allows the liberty of worship ,as this unjust

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بطريرك الكرازة النسطورية
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الأورشليمية والشرق الأدنى

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Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

In refernce to the previous several letters sent to you of which the last one was on 16/3/1972 , in which we attached a copy of our letter to the Minister of Justice concerning our usurped Holy Places and Churches in our Coptic Monastery Deir-El-Sultan ,Jerusalem.

As well,we refer to the reply of the secretary to the Govern-ment sent to us on 23/3/1972 , mentioning that Your Excellency have transfered the letter to the Minister of Justice and that he will soon write to us.

Herein , we again mention that until now we have received no answer in this concern inspite of the long period that has passed .

We have previously informed you in our previous letters that the usurpation of our Holy Places by force on Easter Eve 25/4/1970 which was condemned by the High Court of Justice in its decision No. 109/70 , dated 16/3/1971 , in which it stated that this aggression is against security and Public Order , the like of which has never happened in the history of the Holy Places . The authorities should have kept and protect- ed order and should prevent the aggression especially in the Holy Places, as this is considered of its most necessary duties towards the Holy Places in order to keep and protect the Status Quo .

To day , we again repeat that the unresstituting of our forcibly usurped Holy Places to us until now is a matter that contradicts with the simplest principles of Justice , as well opposes what the Government always declares that it allows the liberty of worship ,as this unjust

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Jerusalem, 3 July 1972

His Beatitude
Benedictos,
Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Your Beatitude,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter
of June 23rd, 1972.

The competent authorities and the police
have been informed as requested.

Please accept the assurance of my esteem
and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Yigal Allon
Acting Prime Minister
and Minister of Justice

Copies: Minister of Police
Attorney General
District Commissioner, Jerusalem.

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Very truly yours,

W. H. ...

Special Agent in Charge

Washington, D. C.

Enclosure

Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

23 March 1972

His Excellency Dr. Anba Basilios,
Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East,
P.O. Box 4006,
Jerusalem.

Your Excellency,

I am instructed by the Prime Minister to confirm receipt of your letter of 16 March 1972 and the enclosed copy of your letter of the same date to the Minister of Justice.

The Minister of Justice will, of course, reply to you directly. In the meantime, I am forwarding copies of your communication to the members of the Ministerial Committee appointed by the Government in order to deal with the dispute between the Coptic Orthodox community and the Ethiopian Orthodox community.

Yours respectfully,

M. Arnon



بطريرك الكرازة النسطورية
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THE COPTIC ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE
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CABLE: PAGOPT, JERUSALEM

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16/3/1972

Her Excellency ,
The Prime Minister Mrs. Golda Meir ,
Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

In reference to our several letters and cables addressed to Your Excellency concerning the aggression on our Holy Places ,on Easter Eve 25/4/1970 , in our Coptic Monastery Deir-El-Sultan , asking for the restitution of the said Monastery to us.

Inspite of the decision of the High Court of Justice on 16/3/1971, condemning this aggression and ordering the restitution of our usurped Holy Places , and although a whole year has passed since the said decision and inspite of the fact that the Ministerial Committee has promised to submit its recommendation as soon as possible ,yet the Government has done nothing until now towards restoring to us these Holy Places .

We enclose a copy of the letter sent to His Excellency the Minister of Justice ,hoping that our forcibly usurped Holy Places will be restored to us safely and as soon as possible ,so that we can be assured of the safety of the Holy Places , and so that we can officiate our Holy services and worship in safety and peace .

Yours Faithfully

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of
the Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East.



بطريرك الكنيس الاورثوذكسي القبطي
الاقباط الاورثوذكس بالقدس

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16/3/1972

His Excellency ,
The Minister of Justice ,
Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

In reference to our several letters and cables addressed to you asking for the restitution of our forcibly usurped Holy Places in our Coptic Monastery Deir-El-Sultan, Jerusalem, we inform you that until now you have not restored to us these Holy Places .

You are well aware that what happened on Easter Eve 25/4/1970 , the aggression and the usurpation of our Holy Places by force is against the Status Quo . It was condemned by the High Court of Justice in its decision No. 109/70, dated 16/3/1971 , in which it stated that this aggression is against Security and Public Order . We were expecting you , after that , to act quickly and restore these forcibly usurped Holy Places to us , especially that you have promised at the meeting you held on 8/6/1971, that you would forward your recommendation concerning this matter as soon as possible, but we regret to say that until now , although a whole year has passed since this decision of the High Court of Justice was issued nothing has happened .

Your delay in restituting our usurped Holy Places to us is a matter that contradicts with the simplest principles of Justice and Religious Liberty and is against the above said decision of the High Court of Justice and against the Status Quo in the Holy Places . It causes the hinderance of our Religious services and prayers , a matter which opposes what the Government always declares that it guarantees the Liberty of worship and the safety of the Holy Places .



بطريرك الكهنه الاورشليمي والشرق الاقصى
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As you well realize that our Religious Services and worship are still delayed since this unjust aggression has taken place on our Holy Places and till now . A matter , we believe that you do not agree t

Therefore, hereby, we again ask you to put an end to this aggression on our Holy Places and the Status Quo in the Holy Places , and to restore to us our usurped Holy Places in order to achieve Justice , protection of the Status Quo and the execution of the decision of the High Court of Justice ,Jerusalem .

Awaiting your urgent reply .

Yours Faithfully

Basilios

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of
The Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East .

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ירושלים, ז' בניסן תשל"ב
22 במרץ 1972

- אלו שר המטעמים
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- שר המשטרה

הודעה ממשרד המירום-1000

גבי שבעיר לכה, מנורף בדה, חשב סמב
דמד קיבלה ראש הממשלה מאת הארכיבישוף
הקופטי בקטר לב"ל

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הודעה ישראלי שרף כי שר המטעמים ישיב
על כתבו.

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22/11/1971 ,

Her Excellency ,
 The Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir ,
 Jerusalem ,
 Your Excellency ,

In reference to Dr. Colbi's letter No. 29/1/13b , dated 22/11/1971 , which we have just now received , and in which he mentions that the Government has decided to undertake repairs in the Church of the Four Bodiless Living Creatures in the Coptic Monastery Deir-El-Sultan , although they are well aware that this is against the Status Quo . We inform you that we do not accept this decision and we cannot agree to any repairs to be undertaken in the said church by the Government.

The said Church is one of our Coptic Churches in Deir-El-Sultan which was usurped by force as you well know. The High Court of Justice in the case No. 109/70, dated 16/3/1971 has decided to restore it to us. But , instead of restoring it to us the Government had decided to form a Ministerial Committee to study the matter . And until now the Ministerial Committee has not issued any decision .

As well , the said church is a part of the Coptic Holy Places in Jerusalem and any repairs in it done by the Government will be considered a violent aggression and trespass on our Holy Places.

There are very ancient Holy Coptic Antiquities in the said Church , on the walls and the ceiling are Coptic inscriptions and decorations which clearly speak for themselves that this Church is a Coptic Church. And we know that the repairs you pretend , means the covering and washing away of these Holy ancient antiquities and signs. A matter which will never never be accepted .

No other preceding Government has ever undertaken any repairs whatever in the said Church, Your going out of this situation is considered a violent aggression on the Holy Places and the Status Quo .

We are greatly astonished that the Government thinks to undertake

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22/11/51

Dear Sir,

The first meeting of the Committee

was held on

your excellency.

In reference to Dr. Goff's letter No. 25/11/51, dated 22/11/51, which we have just now received, and in which he mentions that the Government has decided to undertake repairs in the Church of the Holy Spirit, I am sorry to hear that although they are well aware that this is against the Statute and we know you that we do not accept this decision and we cannot agree to any repairs to be undertaken in the said church by the Government.

The said church is one of our historic churches in the city of London which was damaged by fire in the year 1591. The High Court of Justice in the case No. 10/11/51, dated 10/11/51 has decided to restore it to its original state, instead of restoring it to the Government and decided to form a Special Committee to study the matter, and will now the said Special Committee has not issued any decision.

As well, the said church is a part of the capital city of London in connection and any repairs in it done by the Government will be considered a violation of the Statute and a breach of our duty.

There are very ancient and historic buildings in the said Church, on the walls and the ceiling are Gothic inscriptions and decorations which clearly speak for themselves that this church is a historic church and we know that the repairs you intend, being the covering and washing away of these very ancient inscriptions and decorations will never be accepted.

We are, Sir, very sorry to hear that the Government has decided to undertake repairs in the said church, but we are sure that the Government will be satisfied with the decision of the Special Committee and will not be forced to accept any repairs to be undertaken in the said church by the Government.



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repairs in a Holy Place while being well aware before any other that it is a Coptic Orthodox Church and is our own , and does not think of restoring our Holy Places which were forcibly usurped last Easter Eve 25/4/1970 , and of which this Church is one, inspite of all the cables and the letters we have sent to the Government and the Ministerial Committee which was formed for this purpose , and which has since a long period promised to issue its recommendations, but did not do so till now.

Therefore , we again repeat our rejection for any repairs in the said Church to be undertaken by the Government . If there are any urgent repairs,we the owners of this Church must undertake them and not the Government .

Basilios

Yours Faithfully

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East.

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 reports, we the owners of this Church would undertake them and the
 Government.

Yours faithfully,

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ירושלים, י' בכסלו תשל"ב
28 בנובמבר 1971

אל : טר המשפטים

הגדרון: פניית הארכיבישוף הקופטי

... אבי מצרף בזה העתק מכתב אותו קיבלה ראש הממשלה
מאת הארכיבישוף הקופטי בקשר למצב בראד-אל-סולטן.

על דעת ראש הממשלה אודה לך אם תוכל בטובך לעפל
בנושא ולהשיב בטמה לר"ר בסיליוס.

ב כ ר כ ה

מיכאל זינרן

העמק: טר הדתות
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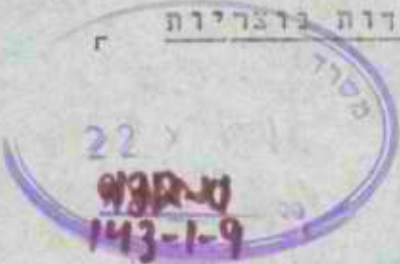
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ב"ה, ירושלים, ל' בחשרי תשל"ב (19.10.71)

29/1/13ב



אל: מר אלי מזרחי, סגן מנהל לשכת ראש הממשלה, משרד ראש הממשלה, ירושלים

הריני מהיחס בזה למכתבך מ-כג' בחשרי תשל"ב (12.10.71) למספר משרדים ממשלתיים (ולא למשרדנו) בקשר למברקו של הארכי-בישוף הקופטי לכב' ראש הממשלה, שהעתיקו הועבר אלינו ע"י מר מיכאל פרגאי ממשרד החוץ. מכרז דומה נשלח גם לשר הרווח והוא בקשני לברר את העניין.

ערכתי ביקור בכנסיה הקופטית בעיר העתיקה, ולא מצאתי אוהלים בחצר "דיראל-סולטן". מזכיר של הארכיבישוף הקופטי מסר לי שהאוהלים סולקו בינתיים.

הודעתי בכתב לארכיבישוף הקופטי עצמו, שכרתי במקום ולא מצאתי כבר את האוהלים, אבל ככל זאת אכתוב לבישוף האתיאופי שיחן הוראה לנזיריו שימנעו להכא ממעשים העשויים להתפרש ע"י הקופטים כהפרת הסטטוס-קוו.

ב כ ר ה,

ד"ר מ. קולבי

מנהל המחלקה ויועץ השר לעניני הנוצרים.

העתיק: מר ע. סיון, עוזר שר המשפטים, משרד המשפטים

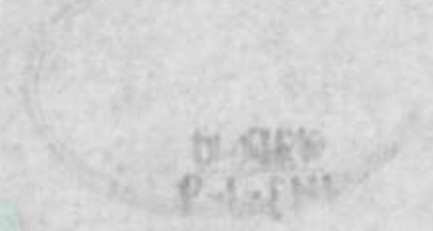
מר מ. ניר, מ"מ מזכיר הממשלה, משרד ראש הממשלה

מר ש. טולידאנו, היועץ לעניני ערכים, משרד ראש הממשלה

מר מ. פרגאי, הממונה על ענינים נוצריים, משרד החוץ.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/15/54



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Jerusalem, October 20, 1971,

His Excellency
Dr. Anba Basilios,
Coptic Archbishop of Jerusalem,
Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate
Jerusalem



Your Excellency,

This letter is in reply to the telegrams which you sent on October 11, 1971 to the Prime Minister, to the Minister of Religious Affairs, to the Minister of Police and to myself.

When your telegram reached me on October 12, I immediately requested Mr. R. Levi, the Deputy District Commissioner for Jerusalem, to visit the place and report his findings to me. Mr. Levi has reported as follows:

"On my visiting the place, I found that the courtyard of Deir El Sultan was clear of all structures and objects which had not been there previously; and it had its traditional appearance."

I have been informed by the police that on October 11, the Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly, during the morning, there appeared at the Old City Police Station Father Suleiman el-Antoni of the Coptic Church, stating that a group of people were erecting a tent in the courtyard of Deir el-Sultan, where the Ethiopian Church is situated, and were arranging photographic equipment on the site. According to him, this was done with the consent of the Ethiopians, without the agreement of the Coptic Church, and they considered the act a breach of the "status quo". Rav-Pakad Chen went out to the place and met Mr. Robert Gant, who explained that he was producing a film on Jerusalem and that he intended to shoot part of it at Deir el-Sultan. Rav-Pakad Chen then met you, and you reiterated your objection to any filming at Deir el-Sultan and your view of it as a breach of the status quo, since the permission was unilateral. The producers were informed accordingly, they gave up the idea of filming at the location, and the incident was thus closed.

I hope the foregoing information furnished to me disposes of the source of your complaint, and would appreciate it if you would write me to confirm as such.

Yours faithfully,



Jacob S. Shapiro

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This report is in reply to your letter of 10/15/54, which requested an answer to your letter of 10/12/54, and to the report of the Special Agent in Charge, New York, dated 10/15/54.

It is noted that you are interested in the activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in New York City, and in the activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in the State of New York.

The information requested in your letter is being furnished to you in accordance with the provisions of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C., Sections 793 and 794.

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ירושלים, כב' בתשרי תשל"ב
12 באוקטובר 1971

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אלו: מר ע. סיון, עוזר שר המשפטים
מר מ. ניר, מ"ס מזכיר הממשלה

מאת: סגן מנהל לשכה ראש הממשלה

הנדון: מברק העדה הקופטית אל ראש הממשלה

נהבקשתי להעביר אליכם העתק מברק ששוגר אל
ראש הממשלה ב-11.10.71 מאת ארכיבישוף אנבא כזיליוס,
ראש העדה הקופטית בירושלים, בענין טענות על שינוי
הסטטוס-קוו על ידי האחיונים בדיר-אל-סולמן.

לידיעה מ"ס מזכיר הממשלה - לא אשרנו קבלה
המברק ונבקשכם לאשר קבלתו בהתאם לנוהג בו אושרו
מברקים קודמים של הקופטים.

ב ב ר כ ה,

אלי מזרחי

העתק: מר ש. טולידאנו, היועץ לעניני ערבים (לידיעה)
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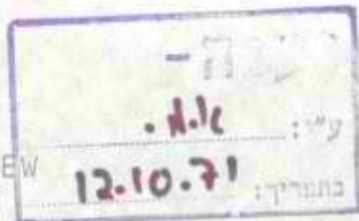
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HER EXCELLENCY MRS. MEIR PRIME MINISTER
JERUSALEM



THIS MORNING 11/10/71 THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE DONE A NEW INFRINGEMENT OF THE STATUS QUO. THEY ARE INSTALLING POLES OF WOOD MAKING TENTS AND PUTTING FURNITURE IN THE COURTYARD OF DEIR-EL-SULTAN. THIS IS A VIOLENT AGGRESSION ON OUR COPTIC MONASTRY DEIR-EL-SULTAN AND ON THE STATUS QUO. WE ASK YOU TO STOP THEM AT ONCE AND PREVENT

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ANY NEW AGGRESSIONS ON THE SAID MONASTRY. WE HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR HOLY PLACES AND THE KEEPING OF THE STATUS QUO. SEVERAL TIMES WE HAVE ASKED YOU TO PUT AN END TO THE AGGRESSIONS ON DEIR-EL-SULTAN WHICH TOOK PLACE EASTER EVE 25TH APRIL 1970 AND WHICH WAS CONDEMNED BY THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE PROMISED TO ISSUE YOUR DECISION QUICKLY CONCERNING THIS MATTER, BUT UNTIL NOW YOU DID NOTHING.

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THIS ENCOURAGES THE ETHIOPIANS TO UNDERTAKE NEW AGGRESSIONS AGAINST THE STATUS QUO IN OUR SAID MONASTRY. AGAIN WE ASK YOU TO PUT AN END TO THIS AGGRESSION TO KEEP THE STATUS QUO AND RESTORE OUR FORCELY USURPED HOLY PLACES IN THE SAID MONASTRY.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

DR. ANBA BASILIOS

COPTIC ORTHODOX ARCHBISHOP OF THE HOLY SEE
OF JERUSALEM AND THE NEAR EAST.

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ירושלים, י"א באייר תשל"א
6 במאי 1971

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לכבוד
המוטראו נג' יב קבעין
ראש העדה הארונבלית אפיסקופלית ביהודה ובסוסרון,
רח' סאלח א-דין,
ירושלים

הוד מעלתו,

בתקשתי על-ידי ראש הממשלה לאשר קבלת מברק
מיום כ"ה בניסן תשל"א (20.4.71). תוכנו יובא בפני
חברי ועדת השליש המיוחדת אשר נתמנתה על-ידי הממשלה
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והעדה האתיופית האורתודוכסית.

אני יכול להבטיחך שמברקך יזכה לתשומת הלב הראויה.

בלבד רב
מיכאל ארנון

העמק: לשכת ראש הממשלה

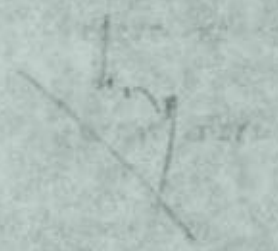
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Jerusalem, the 4th of May 1971 القدس

To Her Excellency
The Prime Minister
Mrs. Golda Meir
Jerusalem



Dear Madam,

It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 28th 1971 by which you have furnished me with the text of the resolution adopted by the Government of Israel on March 28th 1971 concerning the Chapels of the Four Animals and of St. Michael.

This decision re-affirms once again the indisputable rights of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church to the two Chapels which have been from time immemorial a part and parcel of its property in Jerusalem.

In thanking you for communicating the decision of your government as regards this important matter,



Truly Yours

(Abuna Yosef)

Archbishop of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church
Jerusalem

מדינת ישראל

אילן אלון

למיני בלבם הלפס לנפיו

יורה הלפס לענין הסכום והאילן - קופסא
וכן איננו הלפס לנפיו

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ירושלים, ל' בניסן תשל"א
25 באפריל 1971

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לכבוד
עו"ד א. סובולובסקי
רח' לבונטין 4
תל - אביב

א.ב.א.

שר הבטחון העביר אל ראש הממשלה את מכתבך
מיום 24.3.71 בענין הסכסוך בין העדה הקופטית לעדה
האתיופית במנזר דיר-סולטן בירושלים.

בוחאט לבקשה ראש הממשלה, ועבר מכתבך
הנ"ל לועדה העסקת בענין.

בכבוד רב,

אלי מזרחי
סגן מנהל לשכת ראש הממשלה

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ירושלים, כ"ג בניסן תשל"א
18 באפריל 1971

אל : היועץ המשפטי לממשלה

פאת: מזכיר הממשלה

הנדון: הסכסוך האתיופי-קופטי

מצורף בזה העתק חליפת מכתבים נוספת
בקשר לנ"ל. ...

נראה לי כי אין צורך בכל פעולה נוספת.

ב ט ר כ ה
מיכאל ארנון

העתק: לשכת ראש הממשלה



שר המשפטים

הקריה, 2 בניסן תשל"א
1971 במרץ

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ראש הממשלה

הנדון: הסכסוך בין העדה הקופטית והאתיופית

רצוף העתק פניתו של עו"ד א. סוכובולסקי
אלי והעתק תשובתי אליו.

ב ב ר כ ה ,

משה דיין
שר המשפטים

הקרית, ס בניסן תשל"א
1971 במרץ

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לכבוד
עו"ד א. סוכובולסקי
רח"ל לבונטין 4
תל - אביב

למר סוכובולסקי - שלום רב,

אני מאשר בתודה קבלת מכתבך מיום 24.3.71
בענין הסכסוך בין העדה הקופטית לעדה האתיופית.

לצערי עלי להודיעך, כי אינני מספל בנושאים
אלה ועל כן הפניתי את מכתבך לראש הממשלה.

ב ב ר כ ה ,

משה דיין
שר הבטחון

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תל אביב 24 במרץ 1971

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לכבוד
מר משה דיין,
שר הבטחון הקריה,
תל - אביב.

כב' שר הבטחון,

הנדון: הסכרך בין העדה הקופטית לעדה האסיופית
במנזר פתח תקוה בירושלים.

הנני פונה אל כב' בדחיפה בקטר לענין זה וזאת לאור הראיון שהענקת לביטום הקופטי מיד לאחר
סלחמת שטח הימים.

בודאי זכור לך סמיד לאחר סלחמת שטח הימים הענקת ראיון לראש העדה הקופטית הביטום בסיליוס בו
גם הייתי אנכי נוכח.

הביטום הקופטי ביקש ממך בנזהו ראיון כי ממשלת ישראל לא תעשה צעדים לשנוי הסטאטוס קוו במקומות
הקדושים לעדה הקופטית ולנוצרים בכלל.

באותו ראיון הפגת את הסתורו של שולחי אשר מצידו הצהיר כי הוא יהא נאמן לסדינת ישראל ולחוקיה
ועצם היותו והיות בני עדהו מטובא קופטי לא יפגע כמלוא נימה בחובה שהוא ראוה לעצמו להיות נאמן
לסדינה ולחוקיה.

ואמנם כשכא מר טלמן מטעם האומות המאוחדות לחקור את המצב בירושלים היה שולחי המוטרן הקופטי
מן המעטים של ראשי העדות הנוצריות אשר הצהיר בפניו בשה מלא כי הוא שבע רצון מהתנהגותם של שלטונות
ישראל בירושלים.

על אף עובדות אלה ארע בשנה שעברה טענה שהאסיופים פרצו בכח לכנסיות של העדה הקופטית והחליטו
את המנעולים של הכנסיות, שינו את הסטאטוס קוו, מבלי שהממשלה והטטטרה יתערבו לטובה שולחי.

שולחי פנה אל בית הדין הגבוה לצדק ובהיק מס' 109/70 ביקר בית המשפט העליון את התנהגות הסטט
וציווה להחזיר את המצב לקדמותו ואת מפתחות הכנסיות לידי שולחי.

בית המשפט העליון קבע גם כי הצו שהוא הוציא איננו מונע מהממשלה לתת מצידה צווים ולדון בסכסוך
שבין האסיופים לקופטים לעצמו של ענין.

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Tel-Aviv, תל אביב

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כמוכן שאין זה מהפקידו וגם אין זה בסמכותו של שולחי לחת לסמסלת ישראל עצות מדיניות, אבל דבר אחד מבקש שולחי והוא סמסלת ישראל תסמור על הסטאטוס קוו ביחס למקומות הקדושים לנוצרים כפי שהיה הדבר וכפי סמסלת ישראל מצאה לאחר שהרור ירושלים במלחמה ששה הימים ולא התערב בעניני המקומות הקדושים באופן שיטונה סטאטוס קוו זה הקיים כבר דורות.

שולחי הצהיר בפני כב' בזמנו כי הוא מוכן ומזומן להיות נאמן למדינה ולחוקיה והוא ביצע את הצהרתו זו הלכה למעשה וכב' גם לא יכזא קופטים על אף היותם סמוצא מצרי מעורבים במעשים כנגד בטחון המדינה או חוקיה מאז מלחמה ששה הימים ועד היום.

הפוכו של דבר; שולחי עשה כמיטב יכולתו כשנשאל ע"י מר סלמן ביחס למצב בירושלים.

לאור כל זאת אינני חושב שמן הראוי סמסלת ישראל התערב בשינוי הסטאטוס קוו והייתי מבקש מכב' בשם שולחי לפעול סצידו על מנה שלא יטונה המצב במקומות הקדושים ויחזרו המפתחות מידי מי שנלקחו ממנו שלא כדין, הכל בהתאם לצו של בית המטפט העליון.

באם רוצה כב' הבהרה כלשהי בע"פ מוכן שולחי להפגש עם כב' בכל עת ובכל מקום שיקבע.

בכבוד רב

 א. סוכובולסקי, עו"ד.

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ירושלים, כ"ח בניסן תשל"א
23 באפריל 1971

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לכבוד
מר א. סוכובולסקי, עו"ד
רח' לבונטין 4
תל-אביב

א.ב.א.

ראש הממשלה הורתני לאשר את קבלת מכתבך מס. 758/91 מיום
18 באפריל 1971 בקשר לסכסוך האתיופי-קופטי.

הריבי להפנות את תשומת-לבך למכתבי מיום כ"ז בניסן תשל"א
(22.4.71), בו הודעתוך כי הדיון בנושא גזחה בגלל מחלתו של שר
המשפטים המשמש, כידוע, יושב-ראש ועדת השרים המיוחדת אשר מונתה
על-ידי הממשלה לטפל בנושא.

עם שובו לעבודה של שר המשפטים תכונס ועדת השרים לדיון
מחודש.

בכבוד רב

(-) ב. ארנון

מיכאל ארנון
מזכיר הממשלה

הצחק: לשכת ראש הממשלה
שר המשפטים
שר המשטרה
המוטרן הקופטי האורתודוכסי

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STATE OF NEW YORK
IN SENATE
January 1, 1964



REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ON THE PROGRESS OF THE STATE WELFARE PROGRAM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963

ALBANY: STATE PRINTING OFFICE, 1964

OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ALBANY, NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK
IN SENATE
January 1, 1964

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20 April 1971

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His Beatitude
Dr. Anba Basilios,
Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of
The Holy See of Jerusalem and
The Near East,
P.O. Box 4006,
Jerusalem.

Your Beatitude,

I am instructed by the Prime Minister to confirm receipt of your telegram of 12 April 1971.

May I draw your attention to the letter addressed to Your Beatitude in this matter by the Minister of Justice on 14 April 1971.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Arnon

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HER EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER MRS. GOLDA MEIR JERUSALEM

STILL ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE JUDGEMENT
OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE AS WE PREVIOUSLY ASKED.

ONE WHOLE YEAR OUR HOLY SERVICES, CELEBRATIONS CANCELLED
BECAUSE OF THE UNJUST AGGRESSION ON OUR HOLY PLACES AND THE
STATUS QUO; PASSION WEEK IS HERE, A FEW DAYS EASTER, WE ARE
AWAITING FOR AN IMMEDIATE ACTION TO RESTORE OUR FORCELY USURPED
HOLY PLACES ACCORDING TO THE DECISION OF THE HIGH COURT.

DR. ANBA BASILIOS COPTIC ORTHODOX ARCHBISHOP OF THE HOLY SEE OF
JERUSALEM AND THE NEAR EAST.

12.4.71

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ص. ب ١٩/٠٠٢٥ — تلفون ٨٢٨٤٨
القدس

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Jerusalem, the 22nd march 1971. القدس

Her Excellency
Mrs. Golda Meir
The Prime Minister of Israel

Your Excellency,

Pursuant to the judgment of the High Court of Justice of March 16, 1971, we have the honour to request the Israel Government to act under section 29 of the Basic Law: The Government, and to deal with the dispute between the Ethiopian community and the Coptic community with regard to the Chapels of St. Michael and the Four Animals and the passage thereto.

Whereas freedom of excess to these holy places for all members of the communities concerned has been maintained during the past year, we hereby request that an interim order be issued by the Israel Government for the continuation of the existing status.

Most Respectfully



(Abuna Joseph)

Archbishop of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church
Jerusalem

התאריך	אל:
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חוק מס.	מאת:
	הנדון:
	מילוי קפ"ס

אנני לא קיים לניתי כל הכנה קני -
 אלה אמין הסדר הפקודות האיו קולגה. סאלפ
 אנה ג' העניג אביבא.

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מדינת ישראל
משרד המשפטים

ירושלים, ט' אלול תש"ל
10 בספט' 70

היועץ המשפטי לממשלה

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אל"מר מזרחי - משרד ראש הממשלה

הנדון: הארכיבישוף הקופטי - אורתודוכסי
בירושלים
מכתב: מ-7 ספט' 70

1. לוסה העתק חשובת משרד המשטרה לפניית הארכיבישוף הקופטי.
2. אין מצדי התנגדות למשלוח אשור לקבלת המכתב ע"י משרד ראש הממשלה, כן אפשר להפנות לתשובת משרד המשטרה.

ב ב ר כ ה,

מאיר שמגר

היועץ המשפטי לממשלה



העתק: היועץ לעניני ערבים -
משרד ראש הממשלה

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE RECORD

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



MINISTRY OF POLICE

Jerusalem, 13th August 1970

Your Grace,

The Minister of Police has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your cable of August 2nd and your letter of August 3rd.

As regards the question of Deir El-Sultan I wish to refer Your Grace to my letter of May 1st.

As regards the damage caused to the Coptic Cross above the cemetery gate and to the Coptic Cross on the signboard of the Patriarchate, the Minister of Police has given the necessary instructions that immediate and thorough investigation be made into this regrettable matter and the necessary steps be taken to safeguard the property of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Jerusalem.

Respectfully yours,

Zvi Rudin
Zvi Rudin - Assistant Commander
Deputy Director

His Grace,
Dr. Anba Basilios,
The Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the Holy See of Jerusalem
and the Near East

POB 4006
JERUSALEM



משרד ראש הממשלה

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ירושלים, ח' אלול תש"ל
9 בספטמבר 1970
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אל : מר אלי מזרחי, לשכת רוה"מ

הנדון: הארכיבישוף הקופטי - אורטודוקסי בירושלים

למכתבך מיום 7.9.70 ליועץ המשפטי לממשלה.

1. שר המשטרה כבר ענה על מכתבו של הפטריארך. בנוסף על כך קויימה אתו פגישה ובכך הוסדרה הפרשה.
2. לאור האמור לעיל אין צורך במתן תשובה מצדכם.
3. הודעתי ליועץ המשפטי לממשלה שלאור הנ"ל אין הוא חייב בתשובה למכתבכם הנ"ל.

ב ג ה כ ה,

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ש. סולידאנו
היועץ לענייני ערבים

העתק: היועץ המשפטי לממשלה
מר מ. פרגאי, משרד החוץ



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED, U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FEBRUARY 20, 1952

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK - [illegible]

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מדינת ישראל

לשכת ראש הממשלה

ירושלים, ו' באלול תש"ל
7 בספטמבר 1970

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אל: מר מאיר שמגר, היועץ המשפטי לממשלה

מאה: סגן מנהל לשכת ראש הממשלה

הנדון: הארכיבישוף הקופטי - אורתודוכסי
בירושלים

הננו להתייחס למכתביו של הארכיבישוף
אנבא בזיליוס אל ראש הממשלה בענין דיר אל-סולטן
מיום 31.7.70 ומיום 3.8.70 אשר העתקיהם הועברו
אליך בשעחו.

חוות דעתם של לשכת היועץ לעניני ערבים
ושל משרד החוץ (מר מ. פרגאי) כי עלינו לאשר קבלת
המכתבים.

נודה על חוות דעתך.

ב ר כ ה,

אלי מזכאי

העק: מר ש. טולידאנו, כ א ן
מר מ. פרגאי, משרד החוץ

מדינת ישראל

לשכת ראש הממשלה

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א. א. סליצקי

אלו מה המצב.

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Her Excellency ,
The Prime Minister Mrs. Golda Meir ,
Jerusalem ,

3/8/1970 ,

Your Excellency ,

May we submit the following to Your Excellency's kind
consideration .

As your Excellency are well aware of the aggressions that
took place on our Holy Churches in the Coptic Monastery of Deir-El-Sultan
on Easter Eve 25th of April 1970. We have written to the Government
several times (copies of which were sent to Your Excellency) asking them
to intervene and stop these aggressions and keep the Status Quo in the
said monastery , but in vain .

New aggressions against the Status Quo have taken place in
the said monastery .

Herein we enclose a copy of our letter to the Minister for
Religious Affairs . Asking your kind intervention immediately , to restore
the Status Quo in the said monastery and to protect our Holy Places therein,
so that we might rest assured that our Holy Places are entrusted into
safe hands .

Yours Faithfully

Basilios

Dr. Anba Basilios

The Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East.



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The Minister for Religious Affairs ,
Jerusalem ,

31/7/1970 ,

Your Excellency ,

We have noticed lately , that there are Abyssinian laymen staying and abiding in Deir-El-Sultan Coptic Monastery and acting as guards . As they are not monks , they have no right to stay there . This is against the Status Quo which states that those whom we keep as mere guests are only Abyssinian monks and not laymen .

Herein, we attach the statement No. HAM/8/49/(3)/507 , dated 20 July 1952 , which assures that such guards are not allowed to stay in our said monastery as it is against the Status Quo .

Therefore , we ask you to undertake the necessary procedures to turn these laymen out of the said monastery , in order to keep the Status Quo in the Holy Places .

Hereby, we write with great regret that you do not care to keep the Status Quo in the Holy Places. Many a time did we write to you concerning the aggressions that took place against the Status Quo in the said monastery . We asked you to stop immediately these aggressions, but in vain, although, everytime we have sent photocopies of the decisions of the previous governments in this concern which prevents such aggressions against the Status Quo. We can find no explanation to such treatment.

Once again , we ask you to protect and keep the Status Quo, and to undertake immediately all that is necessary to carry out the keeping of the Status Quo in the said monastery .

Yours Faithfully

Basilios
Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East .

المملكة العربية السعودية



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ناظر الحرم الشريف

والدارس السامي لمرمكين المقدسة

القدس

الرقم ٥٠٧

التاريخ

بإذنه وإمران السيد المصطفى الأبرار...

التاريخ

تمتوا احتراماً واهتماماً بطلبنا من سيادتكم في شهر رجب سنة ١٤١٧ هـ
القدس الشريف التي بها حال التفتيش والحراسة في دير القدس التي وقد شرفنا هذا الشهر
مرارة بالعبادة في أحد دور الأديرة في ساحة القديس ولقد كانت تركم إلى التراب السوار
في الخامس من رجب ١٤١٧ هـ الموافق في ١٧ تشرين الثاني سنة ١٩٥٠ المصادفة
يد عل أن لا يتصور لنا التفتيش في دورنا ونحن نعلم بأنكم قدتمتموا بالتحقيق والبراهين
التي توجب تحقيق ما لا يتصور من ردم مفضل كسبنا العتار والاسباب التي يجب التفتيش
القدس الشريف في سنة ١٤١٧ هـ في القدس الشريف في ذلك أنه قد تعديت
الخطايا والآراء البراهين التي توجب هذا التراب في السنة من التفتيش
به والفضل هو سنة

(الشيخ محمد بن محمد بن محمد)

فارس العدم الشريف

والحياوس السامي للقدس الشريف

تمت هذا في مكة المكرمة في سنة ١٤١٧ هـ الموافق في ١٧ تشرين الثاني

✓ إلى سيادة مدارك الأديرة بالقدس



ירושלים, י"ז אב תש"ל
19 אוגוסט 1970

אל ז מר צ. טרלו, מנכ"ל משרד המשפטים
מאת: מנהל לשכת המנכ"ל
צבי היקר,

הנדון: דיר-א-סולמן - פניה מהארכיבישוף
הקופטי

הנני מעביר אליך רצ"ב את החומר בנדון שקבלתי מלשכת
ראש הממשלה בצירוף למכתבך מה-14.8.1970.

אודה לך אם תדריך את לשכת רוה"מ מתי ואיך להשיב
על פניית הארכיבישוף הקופטי.

ב ב ר כ ה,

חנן בר-און

העתק: מר אלי מזרחי, מ/מנהל לשכת רוה"מ
מר ת. מירון, היועץ המשפטי



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14 באוגוסט 1970

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א ל: מר ח. כראון - מנהל לשכה המנהל הכללי, מ. החוץ

מאת: סגן מנהל לשכה ראש הממשלה

חנן היקר,

בהמשך לשוחחנו הטלפונית מהיום, מצ"ב העתק
מכתבו של האדכיבישוף הקופטי האורתודוכסי - אל
ראש הממשלה מיום 3.8.70.

אנא, הודיעני אם עלינו לאשר קבלה. לידיעתך,
היועץ המשפטי לממשלה הציע, על פניו דומה בעבר,
שלא לאשר קבלה.

למען הסדר, אני מעביר העתק ההכחנה זו ליועץ
המשפטי.

ב ב ר כ ה,

אלי מזרחי

הסגן הכללי
מזרחי



ΠΑΡΧΗΜΑΡΧΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΚΑΤΑΧΗ
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 The Prime Minister Mrs. Golda Meir ,
 Jerusalem ,

3/8/1970 ,

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 consideration .

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 took place on our Holy Churches in the Coptic Monastery of Deir-El-Sultan
 on Easter Eve 25th of April 1970. We have written to the Government
 several times (copies of which were sent to Your Excellency) asking them
 to intervene and stop these aggressions and keep the Status Quo in the
 said monastery , but in vain .

New aggressions against the Status Quo have taken place in
 the said monastery .

Herein we enclose a copy of our letter to the Minister for
 Religious Affairs . Asking your kind intervention immediately , to restore
 the Status Quo in the said monastery and to protect our Holy Places therein,
 so that we might rest assured that our Holy Places are entrusted into
 safe hands .

Yours Faithfully

Basilios

Dr. Anba Basilios

The Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
 Holy See of Jerusalem and the Near East.



THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Nov 1979

Dear Excellency,
The Prime Minister Mr. Golda Meir,
Jerusalem,

Your Excellency,

May we submit the following to Your Excellency's kind
consideration.

As your Excellency are well aware of the aggression that
took place on our Holy Places in the Ghetto community of Beit-Ha-Sultan
on Easter Eve 15th of April 1970. We have written to the Government
several times (copies of which were sent to Your Excellency) asking them
to intervene and stop these aggressions and keep the Ghetto and its
sacrosanctity, but in vain.

Now aggression against the Ghetto has taken place in
the said community.

Again we enclose a copy of our letter to the Minister for
Religious Affairs, asking your kind intervention immediately, to restore
the status quo in the said community and to protect our Holy Places therein,
so that we might rest assured that our Holy Places are entrusted into
safe hands.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Yusef Sa'adallah
The Ghetto Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and the East.



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Hereby, we write with great regret that you do not care to keep the Status Quo in the Holy Places. Many a time did we write to you concerning the aggressions that took place against the Status Quo in the said monastery . We asked you to stop immediately these aggressions, but in vain, although, everytime we have sent photocopies of the decisions of the previous governments in this concern which prevents such aggressions against the Status Quo. We can find no explanation to such treatment.

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Yours Faithfully

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ناظر الحرم الشريف
والخارج السامي للاماكن المقدسة
القدس

الرقم ج ١١٧٧٧/١٣/٧٠٧

التاريخ ٢٠ صفر سنة ١٤٠٢

سيادة مطاران الكنيسة الميثودية الاردنية المتسترين

السيد

تمتوا احتراماً وبعد ؛ بلناني ان سيادتكم قد عينتم موخرا احد الاشخاص
المدعوين للقيام باعمال التكميم والحراسة في دير السلطان وقد شوهد هذا الشخص
مرارا جالسا في احد الميادين في ساحة الدير ولذلك الفت نالكم الي القرار المسوار
في كتابي رقم ٢١/٢٤٢٢/٤١ المؤرخ في ١٦ تشرين الثاني سنة ١٩٥١ السيد
يفر على انه لا يحق لداالذكم تعيين حارس دائمي عالم تتقدموا بالحجج والبراهين
التي تثبت حق التكميم. وضع مثل كذا الحارس واظلم اليكم بحسب التعيين
الانسف المذكور من ثا * دير السلطان في النبال * واشيف الي ذلك انه قد اعلمت
التعليمات اللازمة المراسح المنتهه لتنفيذ هذا القرار في حالة تدخلكم التمهيد
به والعمل بموجبه *

وقد اراكم قبول فالسبح الاحسن

(الدكتور حسين منصور العالدي)

ناظر الحرم الشريف

والخارج السامي للاماكن المقدسة

نسخه الي قائد منطقة القدس لانتقال الاجراءات لتنفيذ القرار

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القدس في

9 / 5 / 1970 ,

Her Excellency ,
The Prime Minister of Israel , Mrs. Golda Meir ,
Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

May I kindly submit the following to Your Excellency's
kind consideration .

As Your Excellency are well aware , and we have previously
informed you by our letter dated 29/4/1970, of the unjust aggression
on our Holy Monastery Deir-El- Sultan .

We have also referred to our cables and letters to their
Excellencies the Ministers for Religious Affairs and of Police . As well
we have attached copies of our correspondence with the said Ministers ,
and photographs of our Holy Churches and their Holy contents , mentioning
to Your Excellency that we held them completely responsible for any
loss , damage or changes that might happen to our usurped Holy Churches
and Holy objects therein .

On the 4th of May we received a letter from Dr. Colbi ,
herein we attach a photocopy of his letter, as well a copy of our reply .

When we have written to Your Excellency on the 29/4/1970,
we had great hope to see our usurped Holy Places restored to us immed-
iately by your kind intervention , having full confidence that Your
Excellency would want and greatly care for the protection of the Holy
Places and the keeping of the Status Quo .

We still hope that immediate affirmative action would be
taken in order to keep the Status Quo, and to restore our Holy Places,
so that all might feel and perceive peace and justice in the Holy Places.

Yours Faithfully

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of
The Holy See of Jerusalem & the Near East.



THE HOLY SEE OF JERUSALEM
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Jerusalem, 1.5.1970

1.5.1970

Your Excellency,
The Prime Minister of Israel, Mrs. Golda Meir,
Jerusalem,

Your Excellency,

I kindly submit the following to Your Excellency's
kind consideration.

As Your Excellency are well aware, and we have previously
informed you by our letter dated 29/4/1970, of the unjust aggression
on our Holy Monastery Beit-El-Solhan.
We have also referred to our cables and letters to their
Excellencies the Ministers for Religious Affairs and of Police. As well
we have attached copies of our correspondence with the said Ministers,
and photographs of our Holy Churches and their Holy contents, mentioning
to Your Excellency that we had them completely responsible for any
loss, damage or changes that might happen to our venerated Holy Churches
and Holy objects therein.

On the 4th of May we received a letter from Mr. Goldi,
wherein we attach a photocopy of his letter, as well a copy of our reply.
When we have written to Your Excellency on the 29/4/1970,
we had great hope to see our venerated Holy Places restored to us immed-
iately by your kind intervention, having full confidence that Your
Excellency would want and greatly care for the protection of the Holy
Places and the keeping of the Status Quo.

We still hope that immediate effective action would be
taken in order to keep the Status Quo, and to restore our Holy Places,
so that all might feel and perceive peace and justice in the Holy Places.

Yours faithfully

Mr. and Mrs. Basilios

Deputy Orthodox Archbishop of

The Holy See of Jerusalem & the West Bank.



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9/5/1970 ,

His Excellency ,
The Minister for Religious Affairs ,
The Minister of Police ,
Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

In reference to Dr. Golbi's letter, No. 29/1/13/b , dated 4th of May 1970 , we reply as follows :-

1- We strongly insist that police forces were involved in the changing of the locks of Deir El Sultan Convent. We have hundreds of witnesses who came with us when we left the Church of the Holy Sepulchre ,Easter Eve , on hearing of the changing of the locks. They all saw the armed forces barring the way to Deir-El-Sultan and preventing us to enter. We had to go to our Patriarchate through the streets followed by the armed forces aiming their guns at us , till we entered our Patriarchate , besides the Copts, there were many ,many others from other communities .

2- The law of the Holy Places is very well known to you as well to the Israeli Government and especially to the Minister of Police .

The Israeli law of the Holy Places 1967 imposes very severe punishment on persons infringing the rights or harming people in connection with their Holy Places .

This law says expressly that the Minister for Religious Affairs is responsible for the execution of this law. I am sure as well that the Police forces are responsible and should care for the prevention of the crimes.

Now would you kindly inform me how can you say that changing of locks and throwing out a community out of its Holy Places is an internal matter between churches. If two people are killing each other would the police say that this is an internal matter between themselves ? If your claim is based on truth why didn't the hundreds of policemen on the roof of Deir-El- Sultan, who saw everything including the changing of the locks didn't stop the aggression and prevent the crime ? Why did the armed police forces prohibit the members of the Coptic Community to enter into their Holy Places and put back the locks ?



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3- After the six day wars, Mr. Thalman from the United Nations came to me in our Patriarchate in order to inquire if our Patriarchate was satisfied with the Israeli way of keeping and guarding our Holy Places. With Mr. Thalman came a "high Official of the Israeli Government . He said in the presence of Mr. Thalman that the Israeli Government shall do its best to keep the Status Quo and to guard the Holy Places. When I was asked by Mr. Thalman about the situation I said that I had no complaint and that my only wish was to keep and guard the Status Quo in the Holy Places. I said it because I believed to the promise of the Israeli Official . Now our Holy Places are taken from us by force and you refused to interfere and to help us to keep the Status Quo by saying that it is an internal matter and that it is a matter of subjudice , where are then the fulfilments of the promises and the obligation to keep the law and the Status Quo ?

4- You say that the Government bears no responsibility for the safe guarding of the objects in our two Holy Chapels, whose responsibility is it ,if not the responsibility of the Government who refuses to fulfil its promises and to guard and keep the laws of the land. We insist on holding you completely responsible for any changes, damage or loss that might befall any of our Holy objects within our two Coptic Churches , The Four Bediless Living Creatures Church ,and St. Michels , whose details and photographs have been sent to you within our letter dated 29/4/1970 .

We are still hoping that the care to protect the Holy Places and the keeping of the Status Quo which is your first most important duty to keep and protect ,will move the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Police to take immediate steps in order to restore peace and justice to the Holy Places by keeping the Status Quo .

Your Faithfully

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem & The Near East .

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DR. P. COLBI ~~is~~ ~~is~~ - Israel

DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES
MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

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STATE OF ISRAEL
Ministry of Religious Affairs
Department for Christian Communities

Ref.no. 29/1/13b

Jerusalem, 28 Nisan 5730
4 May 1970

H.E. Dr. Anba Basilios,
Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of Jerusalem,
The Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate,
P.O.B. 19/4006,
Jerusalem.

Your Excellency,

I have been instructed by Their Excellencies the Minister of Religious Affairs and the Minister of Police, to reply to your letters of 29 and 30 April 1970, as follows: -

1. Your claim that Government officials were in any way involved in the changing of the locks at Deir El-Sultan, is hereby strongly rejected.
2. The Government regards the matter as an internal one between the Coptic and Ethiopian Churches.
3. As the Coptic Church has applied to the Supreme Court in the above-mentioned matter, the Government is unable to deal with the affair until the termination of the legal proceedings.
4. Your assertion is hereby rejected that the Government bears responsibility for the safe-guarding of the objects located in the two Chapels under dispute. Nevertheless, the police will readily comply with any request regarding the maintenance of order at the site.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd) Dr.P.Colbi
Director of the Department

Ministry of Education
Department of Technical Education
Cairo, Egypt

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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. regarding the matter mentioned therein.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Technical Education
Cairo, Egypt

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the meeting on the 20th inst. I hope you will be able to attend on the 21st inst.

The meeting will be held at the Ministry of Education, Cairo, at 10.00 a.m.

We are sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the meeting on the 20th inst. I hope you will be able to attend on the 21st inst.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the meeting will be held at the Ministry of Education, Cairo, at 10.00 a.m. on the 21st inst.

Yours faithfully,
Director of Technical Education



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THE COPTIC ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE
OF JERUSALEM & THE NEAR EAST

JERUSALEM (OLD CITY) - ~~XXXXXXXX~~
TEL. 2343, 4405 - P. O. B. 4006.
CABLE: PAGOPT, JERUSALEM

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Very Urgent

29/4/1970 ,

His Excellency ,
The Minister for Religious Affairs , Jerusalem ,
The Minister of Police , Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

May we submit the following to your kind consideration .

1- We have sent you a cable dated 26/4/1970 , concerning the aggression on our Monastery Deir-El-Sultan , we asked you to intervene immediately to stop this aggression, to keep the Status Quo and to restore the keys of the passage and our two Coptic Churches . But until now , we did not receive any answer, although the matter is very serious and urgent, and does not bear any delay . This place is as sacred to us as the Wailing Wall to you . What would the Jews have done if the Wailing Wall had been usurped . Would they keep silent ?

Once more, we again ask you to intervene and stop this excessive aggression on our Holy Places and restore immediately and without delay , the keys of the passage and the two Coptic Churches .

2- To day we have noticed a small tent in the eastern corner of the courtyard in Deir El Sultan behind the Doom . As this is against the Status Quo , we ask you to remove it immediately .

3- A number of policemen are still in the monastery , although the feasts and celebrations have ended, and it has never been the custom for a police to stay in the monastery ,how can you explain their existance in such a perpetual way .

We ask you to withdraw at once all the policemen from the monastery .

4- Hereby ,we inform you officially that there are in our two Coptic Churches that of the Four Living Bodiless Creatures , St. Michels and St. Mary's closet, Holy iconostasises made of wood in laid with ivory



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becks, Holy Coptic inscriptions , Holy ancient Coptic lamps ? Holy Baptis-
mal vessels , two Holy Bookstands , Holy Law boards , Holy Curtains,
Church Vessels and Holy Coptic Icons . All this is clearly shown in the
attached photocopies from No. 1- to 15

All these Holy objects form a very important part of the Coptic
Orthodox Holy Inheritance in the Holy Land , and are of great value .
You have siezed all these Holy objects by force , and as you did not
care to restore the keys of these Churches until now, although we have
cabled you asking for your intervention . Therefore we hold you completely
responsible in the case of any changes or damage or loss that might befall
any of these Holy objects, till all are restored safely to our hands .

Yours Faithfully

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem and The Near East .



THE CENTRAL ORTHODOX PARISH COUNCIL
OF SYRIAC & THE WEST

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The Council of the Central Orthodox Parish of Syriac & the West
has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th
inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded
to the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

We are sorry that we cannot give you a more definite answer
at this time, but we will be glad to advise you again as soon as
a final decision has been reached. We appreciate your interest
in the work of the Council and hope that you will continue to
keep us advised of any developments in your area.

[Handwritten signature]

Very truly yours,
The Secretary



بطريرك الكهنس الاورشليمي والشرق الاثوني
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29/4/1970 ,

Her Excellency ,
The Prime Minister of Israel , Mrs. Golda Meir ,
Jerusalem ,

Your Excellency ,

May we submit the following to Your Excellency's kind
consideration .

Certainly , Your Excellency have heard of the unjust
aggression on our Holy Places , that took place at midnight on Easter
Eve , the 25th of April 1970 , when the police changed the locks of the
gates of our Holy Churches and passage in our Coptic Monastery of Deir-
El- Sultan. An action the like of which has never, never been done before
in the Holy Places .

On the 26th April 1970 , we cabled the Minister for
Religious Affairs and of Police , and asked them to intervene and stop
this aggression immediately , until now we received no answer. This
greatly astonished us , and made us uncomfortable about the safety of
our Holy Places .

Hereby we enclose copies of the cable mentioned above
and a copy of the letter we have sent to day to the Minister for Religious
affairs and the Minister of Police, enclosing 15 photocopies of our Holy
objects in our Churches holding them responsible in the case of any
changes or damage or loss that might befall any of these Holy objects .
Repeating our demand for their intervention to remove this aggression
and to restore everything according to the Status Quo .

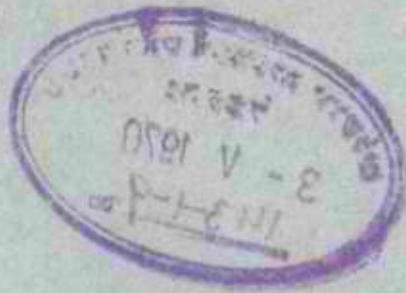
The matter is seriously urgent , we ask your immediate
intervention to save from aggression the Holy Places of the Coptic
Community. So that everyone might rest assured that their Holy Places will
always be protected from any harm and are entrusted into safe hands .

Yours Faithfully

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Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of the
Holy See of Jerusalem & The Near East.



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OF ANTIOCH & THE NEAR EAST
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Your Excellency,
The Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Golda Meir,
Jerusalem,

Your Excellency,

My we submit the following to Your Excellency's kind
consideration.

Recently, Your Excellency has heard of the unjust
aggression on our Holy Places, that took place at night on Easter
Eve, the 23rd of April 1970, when the police opened the doors of the
Garden of our Holy Churches and handed in an Arabic manuscript of their
El-Sultan. In addition the fact which has never been taken before
in the Holy Places.

On the 23rd April 1970, we called the Minister for
Religious Affairs and of Police, and asked them to intervene and stop
this aggression immediately, until now we received no answer. This
greatly astonished us, as we were unconcerned about the safety of
our Holy Places.

Hereby we enclose copies of the copies mentioned above
and a copy of the letter we presented today to the Minister for Religious
Affairs and the Minister of Police, enclosing 15 photocopies of our Holy
objects. Our Churches holding them responsible in the case of any
change or damage or loss that might result out of these Holy objects.
Requesting our demand for their intervention to remove this aggression
and to restore everything according to the status quo.
The matter is seriously urgent, we ask your immediate
intervention to save from aggression the Holy Places of the Arabic
Community. So that everyone might rest assured that their Holy Places will
always be protected from any and all aggression into the future.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]
Mr. Ando Bahar
Coptic Patriarch Archbishop of the
Holy See of Antioch & the Near East.



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Telegram

26/4/1970 ,

To : Mr. Hilel , Minister of Police , Ministry of Police , Jerusalem .

Armed policemen intervened on the 25th of April 1970 at midnight and changed by force the locks of our sacred monastery of Deir El Sultan We tried all the morning of the 26th to contact the police authorities without success . The policemen stop us from entering to our monastery and we demand your immediate intervention to open now the gates of the monastery , and to deliver the monastery immediately to our possession .

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of
The Holy See of Jerusalem & The Near East .



THE COPTIC ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE
OF ALEXANDRIA & THE NEAR EAST

SECRETARY GENERAL
100, EL-DOKKI, AIN HELWAN
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

Telegram

20/1/1970

To: Mr. Eliel, Minister of Police, Ministry of Police, Damascus.
Armed policemen intervened on the 27th of April 1970 at midnight
and changed the force and took away the money of the 20th Battalion
we tried all the morning of the 28th to contact the police authorities
without success. The policemen did not allow entering to our monastery
and we demand your immediate intervention to open the gates of the
monastery, and to deliver the money immediately to our possession.

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate of
The Holy See of Alexandria & the Near East



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Telegram

26/4/1970 ,

To: His Excellency the Minister for Religious Affairs , Jerusalem .

We, the Coptic Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Near East , hereby protest against the acts by the Israeli Government and the Abyssinians to take away by force our lawful possession in Deir El Sultan Monastery . On the 25th of April 1970 , midnight , the locks were broken and changed . Our lawyer Mr. Suchovolsky spoke with you twice and asked you to intervene and your excellency refused and evaded from giving any clear answer . We hereby demand to restore immediately our rights .

Dr. Anba Basilios

Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of
The Holy See of Jerusalem & The Near East .



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for his Excellency, the Minister for Religious Affairs, Jerusalem.

As the Office of Religious Affairs, Jerusalem and the Holy Land, hereby
expressly states the acts of the Israeli Government and the Administration
to take away of lands and Jewish possessions in the Holy Land, and
on the 27th of April 1954, the facts were broken and reported
by the Office of Religious Affairs, Jerusalem and the Holy Land, and
your Excellency refused and avoided from giving any clear answer.
We hereby demand to restore the lands and rights.

Dr. Hans Reuter

Office of Religious Affairs, Jerusalem

The Holy Land of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

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TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL
MRS GOLDA MEIR JERUSALEM

WE THE COPTIC ARCHBISHOP OF THE COPTIC COMMUNITY IN
JERUSALEM AND THE NEAR EAST ASKED THE MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS
AFFAIRS TO KEEP THE STATUS QUO IN OUR HOLY COPTIC MONASTRY
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NOT GIVE ANY AFFZLCZTIVE ANSWER. WE HOWERBY DECLARE THAT THE
STATUS QUO MUST BE KEPT IN ORDER TO AVOID AN INTERNATIONAL
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WE ARE AWAITING YOUR IMMEDIATE ANSWER

HOPEFLLY YOURS
COPTIC ORTHODOX ARCHBISHOP OF THE HOLY SEE
OF JERUSALEM AND THE NEAR EAST

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