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A Letter from Charles Hulak to Anwar Nusseibeh, New York, 30 March 1957

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March 20, 1957

Mr. Anwar Nusaibi
c/o Mr. Elmo Hutchison
13 Ibrahim Pasha Naguib
Garden City
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mr. Nusaibi:

It is my pleasure to extend to you on behalf of American Friends of the Middle East a formal invitation to be our guest on a lecture tour of the United States.

As you may know, each year AFME invites a very selected number of outstanding Middle Eastern leaders to spend approximately six weeks visiting the United States and speaking to American audiences. The purpose of our program is to bring firsthand information about your country to the American people, and thereby allow us to obtain a greater understanding of the problems confronting your people. The program we arrange includes lectures, press interviews, and radio and television appearances.

As your host, we will bear all the costs of your travel both ways and while in the United States, as well as your expenses. If you will be so kind as to accept our invitation, the most immediate problem is that of when you would be available. I have discussed this matter with our Middle East Director, Mr. Hutchison, and he is prepared to suggest dates and possible alternatives if necessary. Meanwhile, Mr. Virgil C. Crippin, our Director of Intercultural Relations, will be in charge of your program, and therefore, I suggest that you reply directly to him after consultation with Mr. Hutchison.

Assuming that you are able to accept, Mr. Crippin would like you to prepare from three to five lectures on topics of your own choosing. He would also appreciate receiving from you at your earliest convenience several glossy photographs and a biographical sketch for publicity purposes.


Mr. Anwar Nusaibi

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I am sure that if you are able to come, there are several particular places of interest to you personally and specific people whom you will want to meet. If you will let Mr. Crippin know your wishes, it will assist him in arranging your program. We sincerely hope that you will favor us with an affirmative reply.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles R. Hulac". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Charles R. Hulac
Acting Executive Director