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A Letter Addressed to Anwar Nusseibeh, Spain, 7 January 1957

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Dear Anwar Bek,

Very many thanks indeed for your very nice letter of the 6th December and for your superb contribution to my biography of Clubb Pasha. I really am most grateful to you for taking so much trouble and for producing what, if I may say so, is a brilliant commentary. I shall probably include it as it stands, it is in my opinion, so good, but of course my Publishers may have other views when I first show them the completed first draft. In particular of course they may wish me to reduce the whole book in length and then I may have to slim it everywhere. However I hope this will not be the case.

You were right to reprove me (but so mildly and nicely) for being so pessimistic about the finding of a solution to the Arab/Israeli conflict. Of course one must be found, and annihilation is not a starter. There is perhaps the beginning of hope in the strength of the world wide pressures that are building up in favour of a negotiated settlement. So much seems to depend on the true extent of the American/Russian détente. If both these giants really want peace in the Middle East, then they could probably urge the conflicting parties to agree some acceptable compromise. But without this I suppose the tension will continue and wars ^{be} repeated. All of us who genuinely love the Holy Land and surrounding countries such as Jordan, can only hope and pray that a just, viable and secure compromise can be found and a stable peace be established.

I was very sorry to hear about the damage to your car. I do hope you now have another one, if it was beyond repair, as I imagine it was. I hope also that you will get some compensation for something, which was clearly politically motivated, as you say in your letter. I don't blame you for being upset. I certainly would be too, in your shoes.

Funnily enough I have just answered a letter today from Brigadier Ronair Broadhurst, who was once an Equerry to King Abdullah, for some years I believe. Perhaps you knew him. He is involved in the politics of Northern Ireland, where he lives and faces the daily danger of bombs and shooting in the street. There it is Christian against Christian which perhaps makes it even worse. Let us hope that 1975 will prove to be a better year everywhere - Palestine, Ireland, Viet Nam, Rhodesia etc.

May I wish you and your family a Happy and Tranquil New Year.

Again many thanks for your kindness over the Pasha's biography.

Yours sincerely

Jim Hutton