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June 11, 1949

Dear Pilgrim:

Concerning your inquiry, which was a part of paragraph 6 of your cable of June 9, about the speculation going on among Albanians in Egypt, I attach a copy of a letter addressed to me by our Charge in Cairo. (The letter, incidently, shows the results of my efforts to establish good relations with the Cairo Embassy) The point raised in the letter was confirmed by another source that told me the Albanian colony in Cairo was "buzzing with talk".

I shall verbally advise Mr. Patterson to withhold action on Mr. Sula's visa application.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Cairo, Egypt, May 28, 1949

Dear Mr.

This morning Mr Abdyl Sula, Charge d'Affaires of Albania, called at his request. Mr. Sula is carried on the current Egyptian Diplomatic List as Charge d'Affaires of his country and is a holdover from the regime of King Zog.

He referred, in his talk, to the visit which you had paid to Alexandria and in which Mr. Martini, Chamberlain to King Zog, had facilitated an audience. Apparently King Zog had, as a result of your and Mr. call at his residence, gained the impression that you and possibly the Department of State were interested in a visit to the United States by Mr. Midhat Frashery, formerly Albanian Minister to France and now resident in Italy.

I replied that the matter lay somewhat without my competency. Thereupon, Mr. Sula, who had visited the United States in 1947, stated that he would like to escort Mr. Frashery to America. (Mr. Sula's trip had been preceded by some correspondence between this Embassy and the Department due to uncertainties concerning his status. The Department, by telegram 843, May 29, 1947, 5 p.m., had authorized issuance of a Section 3(2) visa to Mr. Sula on non-immigrant form 257, since his passport was issued by the former King Zog. I informed Bill Jenkins of the Near Eastern Division of the Department of this travel by letter of June 14, 1947.)

In reply to Mr. Sula's latest representations I stated that I had no idea whether or not the Department was desirous of consulting him or Mr. Frashery; but that I could make inquiry on the subject. Mr. Sula requested that I communicate with the Department in regard to the proposed travel, adding that King Zog was favorably disposed toward Mr. Frashery but that he would like him, a Moslem, to be accompanied by a Christian. On my expressing some surprise that Mr. Sula should claim to be the latter since his wife is a relative of the head of the Bektashi Monastery in Cairo, Mr. Sula admitted having been born a Moslem but that he had become more or less of a free thinker. He apparently has not the slightest connection with the orthodox church.

I weary you with these details since I feel it desirable to request an expression of your views concerning the interest of Messrs. Sula and Frashery in visiting the United States prior to addressing the Department on this subject.

With cordial regards, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Jefferson Patterson
/t/ Jefferson Patterson

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