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My dear Mr. Yarborough:

During our most recent conversation with your representative and also as the result of hearing certain completely unconfirmed rumors which seem to be current, we have gotten the impression that an anti-Vallandingham campaign has begun by Uruguayan Communists. Can you confirm this or add anything to our knowledge of it? Also, is there any really good reason to believe that this campaign might culminate in any attempt to do physical violence to yourself or your family? We repeat that we have absolutely nothing specific on this subject and are simply attempting to ascertain whether there is any truth in the rumors.

We have also heard indirectly from the United States from a source allegedly well disposed to your family, that certain damage has again been done to your estate on Long Island. This also was vaguely attributed to Communists, but again there is no corroborating information to the effect that anything at all happened. We wonder whether or not you have received any word on this?

In view of the above, and indeed whether the above is true or not, we wonder whether you have given consideration to your wife and son preceding you to the United States or at least leaving Egypt now for some place in Europe. In addition to increasing their security, this would definitely establish whether or not the Egyptians are simply holding you on the publicly stated financial charges which, when settled, will make it possible for all of you to leave or whether there is more behind your detention than the Egyptian Government has so far admitted. If your family is permitted to leave without you and with sufficient funds for their immediate needs it might indicate that determination of your case will not be much longer delayed. We think that you should give serious consideration to this proposal.

We would also like to be brought up to date on the details of the negotiations between yourself and your lawyers and the Fiscal Parquet. Have you to date received any statement of the charges against you or of the specific amounts which you are supposed to owe the Egyptian Government? We are aware, of course, of the claim of approximately 10,000 L.E. for customs duties but we have seen nothing else in the press. We would like to know the exact amount of the customs levy and whether or not this is the only claim being made against you for back customs duties. We would also be interested in knowing your intentions regarding payment of this sum. It is possible that a

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gesture such as prompt payment of this sum might help in arranging a final settlement. We will be interested in your comments on this.

We would appreciate a reply as soon as possible. We are still trying to assist you in every way we can but we feel that we must have complete and timely information regarding developments as they occur in order to effectively give this help.

Yours sincerely,

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