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- Following is translation of text of the message of the Grand MUFTI of Palestine to PIUS XII, consigned at 10:10 on 31 July 1947 by the Bishop of Galilee, Mons. Giorgio HAKIM accompanied by the other members of the Arab Delegation: Dr. Jakub KHURY and Mohamed AFIFI:

"To His Holiness Pope Pius XII, most Venerable and Holy:

"The Supreme Arab Committee, representative of the Arabs of Palestine, presents to His Holiness, the Venerable, the Sublime, the most high respects and obsequies and prays the omnipotent God that the reign of His Holiness will be the reign of prosperity and peace for the whole world.

"We present therefore to His Holiness the delegation of the Arabs of Palestine which has been designated by the Supreme Arab Committee, to the end that under the headship of his excellency Mons. Giorgio HAKIM, Bishop of Haifa, Akka and all Jerusalem, consign to His Holiness this our message.

"The Supreme Arab Committee has faith that His Holiness will deign to give to the mission of the Delegation the support which it merits in view of its importance for the Holy Land and universal peace.

"The Arab inhabitants of the Holy Land, Christian and Moslem, nourish great faith in the benevolence of His Holiness which will have a great repercussion in the Arab and islamic world.

"We have the certainty that the relations between the Holy See and the Arab and islamic world, for which we hope with all of heart and search with all our forces, will have the best results in a mutual support to avoid the dangers of the destructive principles which threaten all religions, beliefs and customs and presage the worst calamities and disasters.

"The interest of the Holy See in the Palestine Arab question will induce the Arab world to look to the Holy See with an eye full with gratitude, recognition and the highest consideration, and will nurture in them a sincere will to co-operation for the well-being of mankind, for the recognition of rights and for the banishing from the world of all enmities.

"Please accept, Holiness, our sincere and venerable respects.

"The Chief of the Supreme Arab Committee  
of Palestine

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حضرة صاحب القداسة البابا بيوس الثاني عشر الحبيب الطوبى

تقدم الرعية العربية العليا الهند لجميع منسوبيها الى مقام وراثةكم السامي  
اجزل اجلالا وافر اعتزازا وهي ترحب من اللا تقابل ان يكون عبره منكم عبرة  
وسلام للعالم اجمع، اما بعد فاشانقدم لفاستكم وفد عرب فلسطين الذي انتمتته الرعية  
العربية العليا برئاسة صاحب السادة المطران جاوارجيوس حليم طرايا حفا وبعنا رسائر  
الجليل ليرفع لفاستكم كتابنا هذا.

وان الرعية العربية العليا التي ثقة بان فاستكم ستفضلون اعانة مزية الوفاء  
التي نستحقها هذه المبرمة لهنر بالهدوء المدة وبالسلم العالم.

ان التل بالهدوء المدة العرب من سببية رسلي ليلفون كبر الامس على  
عطف وراستكم الذي سيكون له العلم الاثر في الاظهار العربية والاسلامية.  
وانا نعتق ان توسيع الصلات بين مقامكم السامي وبين العالمية التي دهاكم  
الامر الذي نرغب فيه من صميم قلوبنا ونسئله بكونه له احسن السامح في التقاونه  
لدر ~~الهدوء~~ اذها - المباري الهمة الحظيرة التي تهدد وجمع الاديان والبقائه والادوار  
وتنذر باقدهم المصائب والشرد.

وانه مؤامرة الكريسي البابوي ان يلقى القضية العربية في ملخصه كمن العالمية التي  
والا سوي ينظره اليه نظرة ملية بالشرد وعراة المحل، والتقدير السامح وينتظرها بحية اليد  
للتقاونه بحمايته خير الانانية والفضل، واحقائه المحم وروع الهداونه في العالم  
وتفضلوا باسامة القداسة يقول صادره اجلايا وانتم

في المحمة العربية العليا لفلسطين  
مفتي فلسطين (محمد رشيد الخبي)

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