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Rev. Dr. Nelson Glueck, Director
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Jerusalem, Palestine.

Dear Nelson:

The other day Jake told me that he had had a letter from you in which you mentioned that you had not received from me any reply to the letters which you had written to me and that it seemed to him that you felt hurt thereby. I am sure that I need not tell you how greatly this distresses me, for you may be sure that you are the last person whom I would want to hurt in any way. But why you should not have received any letter from me I cannot understand, for I wrote you a long, three-page letter on September 15th, shortly after I had gotten back to Cincinnati from my vacation, answering your two letters of June 29th and August 17th, and then I wrote you another three-page letter on October 3rd, answering your letter of September 13th. You can see that this last letter of mine was a very prompt answer to your last letter. I had to postpone answering your first letter from June 29th, which reached me during the summer while I was in Ventnor, N. J., because I was so fearfully crowded with correspondence during the entire summer. I hope that these letters did not go astray and fail to reach you, and particularly not the second letter, since there was a check for \$200. enclosed therein. Be sure to let me know as soon as possible whether you received this.

As I wrote you in my last letter, it is entirely out of the question to attempt to raise any money now here in America to carry on excavations at El-Hamme. Financial conditions here are in chaotic state and are steadily growing worse. The market value of the investments of our College Endowment Fund, for example, have fallen off approximately a million dollars. We can continue to carry on our work only by practicing the utmost economy, and we dare not solicit funds for any purpose other than that of our most immediate needs.

And just because this is the case I was doubly pleased to receive a circular letter from Professor Barton, saying that there was some money available, and asking me therefore whether I would favor applying this to your projected excavation at El-Hamme. Needless to say I have replied very enthusiastically that I would favor it, but only on the one condition that our School conduct the excavation alone, and not in association with any other organization, not even the Hebrew University. Wherever our School has

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been associated in this way with any other organization we have usually done the work and provided the largest portion of the funds, and the other organization has invariably gotten the credit and the resultant publicity. We need as much publicity as we can possibly get if we are to meet the conditions which Mr. Rockefeller imposed upon his gift to our Schools. I have no doubt that all the Trustees will favor the project.

I was greatly interested in reading your report, all about your having discharged the housekeeper and of Helen's functioning in this capacity. I imagine that at times she must pinch herself and ask herself whether it is really she. I am sure that four years ago, had you asked her what she thought of possibilities of her ever functioning as a housekeeper in Jerusalem, she would have thought that the Messiah would come first. Well may be he will come. We surely need him badly enough.

You will be interested to know that Professor Hempel and his wife are now here. They arrived Saturday night. He lectured before the Germanistic Society yesterday afternoon and gave a splendid exposition of Religious Conditions and Trends in Germany Today. He is scheduled to lecture before our College tonight on the subject, "The Realism of God in the Old Testament". Both he and his wife are charming people indeed and we are enjoying having them here quite as much as I am sure they are enjoying being here. He was greatly impressed with our Library, which he visited this morning. Also he said some very complimentary things about you, which I need not assure you I was happy to hear. I have not yet had chance to tell him about, and show him what we are doing in Deuteronomy, but if the opportunity presents I shall certainly do so. He is to be at Sheldon's for dinner tonight, previous to the lecture.

One final remark: that check for \$200. was sent to you chiefly through the mistake of Mr. Mielziner. As you will remember, the arrangements were that you were to receive the difference between the salary which you are now receiving as Director of the American School, namely, \$5,000., and what you would have received had you been teaching here this year, namely, \$6,000. less 12-1/2%, or \$5,250. In addition thereto, you were to receive an allowance of \$1,400. for expenses. This means, actually, you are to receive from the College this year \$1,650. You will remember that we discussed this matter in detail shortly before you left. In accordance with your request that \$700. of the money allowed you for expenses be deposited with Dr. Iglaur, this is being done on the first of November, tomorrow. The remaining \$700. will be available for you when you get ready to return home. You have now received \$200. of the \$250. still due you as the difference between the salary there and here, so that \$50. will still be due you and will be paid whenever you desire it. I hope that this is clear.

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With warmest regards for yourself and Helen and all
good wishes for both of you, in which my dear wife joins
most heartily, I am ever

Faithfully yours,

Julian Morganstern
PRESIDENT.

JM/s