

Oct. 17, 1934.

Major C. S. Jarvis  
Governor of Sinai  
El-Arish, Sinai.

Dear Sir:

During July 1934, Mr. J. H. Iliffe of the Department of Antiquities of Palestine and I made a trip from Jerusalem to Aqabah, crossing through parts of Sinai with your permission. We noted several things of archaeological importance, which I feel you will be interested in. Under separate cover I am sending you Bulletin 55 of the American Schools of Oriental Research, which, among other things, contains a very brief report of the above mentioned trip, pp.18-21. You will note that I too consider Ain Qudeirat to be the site of Kadesh Barnea, in agreement with the suggestion made in your book "Yesterday and Today in Sinai", which I have just read with great interest and profit. I find that the fortress at Ain Qudeirat belongs to about the tenth century B.C. It is an important archaeological monument, and I hope that it will be properly excavated someday. If I can raise the necessary money, I shall apply for permission to do so myself. Meanwhile, I should like to urge upon you, if you will pardon the presumption, the necessity of preventing further vandalism on the site. The sides and top of the small fortress are covered with chips of stone left there by modern stone mason, who are utilizing the walls of the structure as a convenient quarry.

As one nears Ain Qudeirat coming from Qoseimeh, there is an excellent view of the small fortress. Unfortunately, my photographs did not turn out as well as they might have. I am anxious to secure

additional photographs, which I can use in a forthcoming publication.  
I wonder if it would be possible for you to send me some of the fortress,  
and of the spring above it, and the two small resevoirs? I should be  
greatly obliged.

Sincerely yours,

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