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October 15, 1928.

Dr. Riza Taufik,  
474 Central Park Drive, West,  
Apartment #5,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Taufik:


I am delighted to have your letter of the eleventh.

I shall be at the Prince George Hotel, East 28th Street near Fifth Avenue, New York, on October 17 and 18 and should like very much to see you the evening of the seventeenth, if that is convenient. Could you and Madam Taufik have dinner with me there at 6:30 or 7 o'clock the evening of the seventeenth? I am sending this by Air Mail, with the hope that you will receive it tomorrow and that I shall find a note, at the Prince George when I arrive on the morning of the seventeenth, saying that this will be possible. If this date is not convenient, kindly get in touch with me at the hotel by 'phone and we can arrange some other time.

I look forward with pleasure to seeing you again

Very sincerely,

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Will W. Alexander



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July 31, 1928

Dr. Riza Taufik Bey  
Conservator of Antiquities  
Amman, via Jerusalem  
Palestine

My dear Dr. Taufik:

Your two letters came--one this morning, the other ten days ago. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed them. I am still going over them with deeper interest each time, and I look forward eagerly for an opportunity to discuss at length questions which you have raised. By the time this letter reaches you, you will be busy with your departure for America; hence I will not now attempt to express many thoughts that have come to me as a result of reading these letters.

I am delighted to know that there is an early prospect of your coming to America, and would appreciate it if you will send me at an early date your New York address. I am very often in New York and will want to see you there the very earliest opportunity after your arrival.

Your letters accompanied me on a trip to the mountains where I spent a week with my friend, Dr. Howard W. Odum, of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Odum is one of the leading sociologists in America. Many of us think he is the most reliable and resourceful of social scientists. His new book, called "Man's Quest for Social Guidance," published by Henry Holt & Company a year ago has been adopted by many of the leading universities as their text book in introductory Social Science. I took the liberty of showing your first letter to Dr. Odum. He was greatly impressed and interested. He is a man of action. Immediately he wanted to introduce you to his publishers, feeling sure they would be interested in a book from your pen, and that such a book would have a sale in America. You see, you may be coming to America for some hard work. If it should turn out that way, I am positive it would be work that you enjoy. You will at least find many people here interested in you and your ideas of life.

This is just a hurried note to express my appreciation for your letters and to welcome you to America.

With highest regards to Madam Tufik and continued warm appreciation for yourself, I am

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Cordially,  
*Will W. Alexander*  
Will W. Alexander



*J. Alexander*

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May 8, 1928

Dr. Riza Taufik  
Director of Antiquities  
Aman; Trans-Jordania  
via Jerusalem

My dear Dr. Taufik:

At last I am at home from the long journey, and among the memories which I bring back none is more delightful than that of our visit to Aman. We found the land and the antiquities intensely interesting. More than in the land, however, was our interest in you. It was the supreme privilege of the trip to have you share with us your most interesting experiences and your profound knowledge of life. The traditional wise man of the East had always interested me deeply. I had never dreamed, however, that he still lived and that I would have the privilege of sitting for a short time at his feet.

I hope your plans to come to America may develop rapidly. Coming across I spoke to the Dean of the School of Religions at Yale about you and the prospect of your coming to America. He was very interested, and will be eager to have you visit his institution. I am sure there are many other groups of truth-seekers in America who will be interested.

Please extend to Madame Taufik my very best wishes, and be assured of my deep appreciation for the courtesies shown by both of you.

With continued appreciation, I am

Most cordially,

*Will W. Alexander*  
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P.S. - - You remember that an Arab brought to the hotel some stone seals, belonging to one of the Roman periods, which he had picked up. He wanted three pounds for them, which was undoubtedly more than they were worth; yet, now that I am so far away I wish so much I had purchased them for the two pounds for which he finally offered to sell them. If you get a chance and are at liberty to make such a purchase for me, I should value very highly three or four of these, even though they seem to cost more than their intrinsic value. Don't go to any trouble or embarrass yourself in any way. However, if you can purchase them, let me know and I will send you a draft covering the probable cost.

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Letter of Dr. Alexander  
America

I sent over to me to  
Amman

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