To Ernest Newland Smith

Post Restant, Pyramids
Post Office, Cairo

My dear Brother,

Since I wrote to you the last time, I received no answer from you, I do much hope that you and Madam are in good health.

I have send to you yesterday through the National Bank of Egypt £5, five Pounds Sterling, the Branch of this Bank in London will acknowledge you to pay you this sum, the first five pounds were not from Mr Burmester.

You told me at the end of last April that the two bound books containing the violin & piano soli pieces of coptic music were stolen & that you wish to have them copied at your own expense as you have the original M.S. but please let them be copied at my own expense and send me the bill containing also the post & insurance expenses, as it is difficult to have money sent from Egypt abroad. The first time these pieces were copied by J. & W. Chester, Music Publishers, London. If some of these pieces would be published here in Egypt of course a Royality of 15% of the profits will be paid to you.

You also told me that you have the original copy of the St Basil Mass*, also please send it to me, because as you know, the parts sung by the Priest of this Mass, only their beginnings

* ready for publication

were written into notes and not these parts all complete were written into notes, I find now that these (the Priests parts) are the most important of this Mass, and must be written down in notes most of them without any abbreviation because they form the fundamental elements of the Music of this Mass. I can have them recorded on tape & send them to you. Of course the B.B.C. in London and many other institutes have the recording machines on which you can hear these tapes in order to be written into notes. Of course I shall sign on the Book Copy of the Mass the place of each part of the priest, and we can copy them here to be added to the Book. As I want to prepare for the publication of this Mass and I think it would be difficult to publish it in England as remitting money from Egypt is difficult.

What I suggested about the help of Prof. Wellesz does not mean what you understood.

When this Mass is published a royalety of 15% of the profits will be paid to you.

Do please send me all what you have of the Gregorian Mass, because this was never sent to me. This Mass contains only nine pieces of the Priest which were put into notes and nothing else

How much I long to see you & your Madam, if you could travel I shall do my best to make an arrangement for you & Madam to come over to Egypt next winter

and stay with me. Hoping to hear from you by Air Mail. With all best wishes to you and Madam.

Yours very Sincerely, Raafat Moftah