Mt. Carmel
Nov. 5 : 1929

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My dear Mr. Moftah,

I sent you a wire this morning (to Abelshekook) saying "Arrive Cairo Thursday evening", & trust it has reached you.

(1) From your letter I conclude that my fees are satisfactory, & that you accept my terms of agreement, except that you do not feel able to arrange the 2 violin recitals, & would prefer to pay the money in instalments?

By all means let me try & meet you in every way I can, & I am quite

willing to arrange that instead of paying £60:- & fare, in advance, for each of the two visits, you pay £30:-, & single fare, before we begin each visit, & the other £30:-, & single fare, at the conclusion of each visit. Please let me know that you agree to this, & then let us not mention any more about money; ~~for~~ if I have the £120:-, & the rail-fa[illegible] for the two visits, (& bo[illegible] -residence with you on [illegible] house-boat, or other suita[illegible] place) I am quite satisfied.

(2) There is another most urgent matter. The paper

that you kindly sent, in order that Kovalsky's (the local piano-forte house) may recover the money from the Customs House, as are of no use to us. What they need is the official Customs House certificate to the effect that the piano has been returned to Cairo. So I have asked Mr. Kovalsky to write you the note I now enclose & I hope you will have the paper ready for me to send to them when I come on Thursday night; bec[illegible] if there is much mo[illegible]

delay in producing this document the Customs people will not be responsible for refunding the money.

(3) I am sorry to say that this matter & the postponement of my visit have put me to a lot of worry & expense; & I do hope & pray that all may now go well. And now...

(4) ... Your telegram ("Houseboat broken" etc.) has just come! And here am I at "the Heim;" (at Central Carmel;) – my things packed for coming; – the "Hermitage" cleared for my absence; – & I am again uncertain what to do! Pray do send me word, & God bless & guide you aright! Yours in Christ Ernest Newland Smith