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Letter to Burhan Ad-Deen Bashayan

Letter to DH from Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi

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Excellency,

I am most grateful to your Excellency for the help and co-operation which the Iraq Government gave to Trevelyan during his visit to Baghdad. I am very glad to hear from him that the Iraq Government agree in principle with the ideas on development in the Arab States which we are considering here. When we have been able to examine the matter in greater detail with the help of the International Bank, we shall hope to discuss it further with you.

I am very much looking forward to a visit of my own to Baghdad which will, I hope, be possible in the second half of March. I shall let you know my dates as soon as I am able to fix them. You will, I am sure, understand that my pre-occupations here have made it impossible for me as yet to fix anything definite.

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency
Mr. Burhan Ad-Deen Bashayan
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Baghdad, Iraq

26th. February 1958

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PERSONAL

Dear Dag,

Turtlewise, I am commenting only today on your letter of the 27th. January last; and even at that, the present comment will not be as complete as I wish it to be. Only a personal chat between us can afford me sufficient light and scope for it.

Some aspects and relationships, probably more than any substantive elements relating to our common endeavour in the economic field, still leave with me a residue of concern; but I am confident that none of that is in itself or in your thought or mine capable of becoming an unsurmountable difficulty.

I am deriving particular comfort from your brief but significant reference, in your letter, to paragraphs 3 and 13 of your memorandum, and from my certainty that we shall all maintain our objective and keep the process for which we are working as one of growth from within, honestly and discretely helped from without for the good and the honour of all concerned.

What, in your letter, you hinted to as " new plans " in this part of the world has by now, as you are aware, begun to take concrete shape; and I believe the hope is justified that, with careful handling, the new drive and its ambiance can well be of great and widely ranging benefits in many spheres, particularly the economic one .

With best wishes and regards.

Mahmoud

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