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In the name of God the Beneficent to Merciful

Mr John Simmon
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Washington. D.C.

My dear Mr Simmon.

This year's Pilgrimage to Mecca bears great significant, which is quite in evidence, due to the fact that three of our Muslim Kings namely, King Saud, Mohammed Ben Yusuf and Husien of Jordan and some of our most important and influential leaders will be making the Pilgrimage to Mecca this year God's Willing. As Sheikh of the Islamic Mission of America for the propagation of Al-Islam I feel that I can render a very great service to the United States government. I am quite sure that my records with this government can support this statement. As you may know that I am personally well acquainted with most of our Muslim Kings and Leaders.

I would like to make the Pilgrimage with Mr Mohamed Kabbaj who is the Imam of our Mosque and President of the Muslim Fraternity of the Islamic Mission of America and my personal associate. We have worked coordinately for several years in the United Nations and elsewhere in support of the United States policy and the United Nations Charter. I would like to go as a citizen and as a messenger of the United States government to the Holy City of Mecca with Mr Mohamed Kabbaj. I have not the financial means to pay for my passage and other expenses. I would also like to take along with me my wife who has been my main supporter and the main teacher and leaders of the Muslim women of this country.

Can you make such an arrangement for me sir. I would deeply appreciate it. I believe King Saud will be expecting me after our meeting here in the United States. Thank you.

I am yours respectfully

Rev Sheikh, Daoud Ahmed Faisal.