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Our brother His Eminence Amin al Hussein, /

Ten days ago, after returning from my trip of which you know I wrote you a letter containing my remarks on the campaign which I see directed against you in the Palestine Press for your not coming out with a policy of hostility to the English. Do not blame me if I tell you that I share the opinion of the Press and do not agree with you. Flattery, bribery and policy are useless with them. No one can trick them for they are the cleverest of tricksters. You cannot conquer them by sentiments and proofs. Softness is a language which the Englishman does not understand. The Englishman understands only opposition. Therefore, I believe that your sticking to the friendship of this people will make you lose your influence not only with the people of your country in Palestine but with other people as well. If this is a plan schemed by your enemies, it is preferable that you should not allow the enemy to attack you and you know well what I mean. I wonder if our brother Insan Bey has informed you about what has been accomplished between me and the men of the Government in Rome with regard to what we have talked about in Mecca and agreed to in Jerusalem. Now I inform you that my conscience was satisfied by the last interview and by the assurances which Mussolini himself gave. I am confident that Italy will not dare to treat us as the English and French have. If

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you can send Jemal to me here on his way to London I will show him what I find not permissible to explain here.

At any rate we have agreed to start spreading propaganda for Italy in the Arab countries as soon as possible; for the man told me that he feared a world war and if the circumstances are not available from now on, the advantages which we expect will be lost. I have been paving the way and you will see it in the next number of magazine 'La Nation Arabe'. In my opinion we should take the opportunity of their dispute with Abyssinia and should show the evils which the Abyssinians have done to the Moslems.

The Propaganda Bureau in Rome may send some information to our newspapers for publication. I gave the addresses of 'Al Jami'a al Arabiya' and 'Al Winda al Arabiya'. I have not given them the address of 'Al Jami'a al Islamiya' seeing that Jemal informed me on your behalf of the instability of its proprietor.

I wrote to Hadi Bey about this in order that he may take command of the situation in Syria and asked him to see you so that you may give him the necessary instructions.

Mussolini asked me about your personal relations with the Amir Abdullah. I found it not suitable to introduce this element with us. I informed him that the Amir was the puppet of the English and that no good is to be expected from him especially after I have seen in the Palestine Press his return to the lap of Hagheb and his supporters. I will write to you another letter full of details of other important matters. Greetings, and the mercy of God upon you.

Your Brother

(Signed) Mustafa Kemal