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Dear Haj Amin Eff.,

I was glad to have your letter of the 1st July in reply to the Chief Secretary's letter of the 27th June on the observations of the Supreme Moslem Council on the speech of the Secretary of State for the Colonies delivered during the debate on Palestine in the House of Commons on the 19th June.

I was particularly glad to note your assurances that it was not your intention to make a new appeal to religious feelings throughout the Moslem world in order to achieve certain political aims in Palestine; that you still continued to maintain your correct attitude in reprobating acts of violence and that you were actuated by a keen and distinct desire to follow lawful and peaceful means in asserting the nation's rights; and finally that you had no intention of raising a fourth issue anew nor to excite religious feelings in such critical circumstances.

I may add that in giving these assurances, you did no less than I expected and I accept them in the spirit in which they are given. Nevertheless I think it only right for me to say that I regret that your first letter was published in the form it appeared in the press, for I feel, however excellent your intentions were, that the result of this publication must be unfortunate when one remembers how great is the mental excitement among many Arabs at the present time.

Moreover/

His Eminence
The President, Supreme Moslem Council,
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Moreover, at a time like the present when lawless acts are regrettably frequent, it is my duty as High Commissioner to remind you once more, as President of the Supreme Moslem Council, that the responsibility of your high office requires you not only to make clear to me the goodness of your intentions but to make it clear to everyone that you wish all violence to end and that you are on the side of law and order. Were this clear in everyone's mind, I believe that many would realise that violence and disorder are the worst evils that befall the Arab people, and in future years it will be recognised that all people who worked for the restoration of good order, worked for the best interests of Arabs in Palestine.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A.G. Wauchop.