

British Embassy,

BEIRUT.

(17410/7/57)

May 30, 1957.

With reference to your letter of May 14 to Mr. Pakhry Abou Ghazaleh (which has been sent on to me), and our conversation on May 29, I hereby confirm that the normal time of fourteen days will be satisfactory for honouring the certificates submitted by you to the Contractor.

2. I agree that before tenders are submitted to the Contractor legal advice should be obtained on the form of tender. Our honorary legal adviser is M. Hamid Frangié and we agree that you should seek his advice on this matter.

3. I have in this office the eleven title deeds covering the parcels of land of the School site. In order to have them unified we agree that you should seek the assistance of M. Hamid Frangié; and if it proved impossible or impracticable for him to take on this work that, with his consent, you should approach M. Nassib Bulos for this purpose.

4. If you would kindly let me have a draft of the letter which you would like to receive from the Board of Governors of the School, in accordance with the request in paragraph 4 of your letter, I shall return it duly signed to you. In writing this draft I suggest you make it clear that the précis of terms given in it are elaborated in the full contract that the Board of Governors have already accepted.

(I.D. Scott)

Mr. Assen Salasm,
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BEIRUT.

British Embassy,

BEIRUT.

May 29, 1957.

(1742/97/57)

This is to report the result of our discussion this morning with Maitre W. Bulos on the points arising out of my letter No. 1742/96/57 of May 23 to you.

We agreed:-

- (1) Me. Bulos would take from Judge Tali'a the sum of \$Leb. 500, which is the limit of compensation which the Judge is prepared to pay to Antoun Najib, despite lengthy discussions with Me. Bulos. This sum should be given to the tenant, Antoun Najib, in return for an undertaking from him to evacuate his cottage within one month. Antoun Najib will then be paid an additional sum of between \$Leb. 300 and 500, according to what Me. Bulos can negotiate, from School funds. This additional sum will come from the School funds as it is undesirable that the School should start its life by having to fight a court case against a tenant who has lived on the site for many years. We consider that Judge Tali'a has let us down but that this is the best way out.
- (2) Wood. Me. Bulos is authorised to tell our caretaker, Aziz Abu Saab, that he should continue with the wood-cutting contract which he started (but without cutting down any trees) and that the \$Leb. 450 which he had earlier offered to pay for the wood thus cut would be offset against his salary of \$Leb. 150 per month, due to him from April 15 when he was engaged.
- (3) Olive trees. Me. Bulos is authorised to pay a sum, according as he can best settle, of between \$50 and \$75 Lebanese for the work done on pruning the olive trees.

Items (4) to (8) of my earlier letter, i.e. Chsrob crops, vines, thinning of trees near the river, pruning of mulberry trees and grafting of almond trees. Aziz Abu Saab should be offered the produce of the farm in return for keeping it

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BEIRUT.

in good heart and condition. This arrangement, however, excludes the produce of the olive trees next season.

2. It was further agreed that the outstanding bill of P1eb. 2,000 due to Me. Bulos in respect of services rendered to the Board of Governors in connection with the eviction of tenants and management of the property should now be paid.

I am sending a copy of this letter together with a copy of my letter under reference to Me. Bulos.

(I.D. Scott)

(1742/96/57)

BRITISH EMBASSY
BEIRUT

May 23, 1957

There are several matters concerning the maintenance of the school site on which decisions are required. I should be grateful for your comments as to whether these should go to the Board of Governors or whether you would feel it proper for a sub-committee (of, say, yourself, Sheik Najib Alamuddin and M. Jamil Makkeoui, and perhaps myself) to deal with them. Perhaps you would be good enough to give me a ring when you have read this letter.

The questions requiring decision are:

1. One of the tenants, Antoun Najib, has so far refused to give up his cottage. I visited the site on May 21 with M. Nasib Buloos who had a lengthy discussion with him as a result of which he may leave provided that Judge Talli increased the offer of compensation somewhat. If he does not leave amicably, however, then legal proceedings for eviction will have to be instituted.
2. Wood. Authority was originally granted for the cutting of certain bush-trees growing on the site under a contract whereby the school would receive \$Leb. 450. Part of the trees have been cut down, but on the appointment of the caretaker I instructed that there should be no more felling. It remains to be decided therefore whether we go on with the contract or else pay for the labour involved in cutting trees which have already been felled.
3. Olive trees have been pruned, but payment for the labour involved has not been made.
4. Charob crop. I saw something like twenty trees bearing a good crop. It is a question whether we should sell this crop on contract to someone.
5. Vines. These require maintenance, spraying and replacement of certain poles which have broken, if a good crop is to be obtained. It is for decision whether we should sell the contract for the vines and also for the figs.
6. The trees near the river are growing very thick and require thinning out. It must be decided, what, if anything, is to be done about these.
7. There are a considerable number of mulberry trees. I understand that the leafy branches should now be cut from them, but I do not know about this.
8. There are a number of young almond trees which need to be grafted if the best results are to be obtained.

I shall look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible, as the sooner this work is taken in hand the better.

(I.D. Scott)

Dr. Joseph Hitti,
BEIRUT.

May 23, 1957.

Mr. I.D. Scott,
British Embassy,
BEIRUT.

Dear Sir,

On my return from Rome yesterday I found the enclosed letter which Assem Bey Salaam should have addressed to the Board of Governors.

Reverting to Assem Bey, he asked me to pass it to you for your kind attention.

Assem Bey will be telephoning you tomorrow on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. F. Abou-Ghazalah
Secretary, Building Committee.

ASSEM A. SAALAM

Massoud Building - Rue Monseigneur Shebli - Beirut (Lebanon)

14th May, 1957.

Mr. Fakhry Abou Ghazaleh,
Secretary Building Committee
British School for Boys in Lebanon
BEIRUT.

Dear Mr. Abou Ghazaleh,

I will be very grateful if you could submit to the Honourable Members of your Committee the following queries regarding the tender procedure for the erection of the proposed Boys School in the Lebanon.

1. We consider that the time needed by your Honourable Committee to honour the certificates submitted by us to the Contractor as 14 days. We shall be very grateful if you would confirm this to us or suggest an alternative in order to commit ourselves in the specifications of the tender.
2. We recommend that before the tenders are submitted to the contractors, a legal advise should be obtained regarding the legal clauses in them. And for this we are awaiting your recommendation regarding the nomination of legal adviser.
3. For the submission of the Municipal Licence we shall need the official title of ownership to be submitted together with the drawings. We understand that the title covers 11 parcels namely parcel No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. Sirjbal district of Shouf Region. Before we could proceed with the submission of the Municipal drawings, we would ask you to make procedures with the Government to unify all the above mentioned individual parcels into one parcel to be given one number only. We would stress on you that this is urgently required.
4. For the official submission of the Municipal documents to the Engineering Syndicate, we would like from the Board of Directors a short letter addressed to us in triplicate confirming our appointments as Architects and specifying the agreed fee namely 4% for design and final working drawings and 2% for the Supervision of the construction.

Please accept our best regards,

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Assem A. Saalam

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