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8th June, 1937.

Dr. A.L. Warnshuis,
International Missionary Council,
156 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Warnshuis,

Since I wrote to you last about the Egypt situation I have received from the British Foreign Office copies of the letters exchanged with the British Government in regard to foreign institutions. I cannot remember whether similar letters were interchanged with the American Government at the Capitulations Conference, but as several Governments participated in this interchange I think that yours must have been one. In any case, once the principle is conceded it will be extended to all parties concerned.

This correspondence is I think quite unexceptionable, and though we have failed to get any new guarantee for the religious rights of Egyptians themselves, the situation is no worse than it was in that respect, and the guaranteeing of foreign institutions is clear. I shall leave it to you to make these facts known to the American Boards concerned in any way you like. I am dealing here with the C.M.S. and the Egypt General Mission.

Yours ever,

(Signed) W. PATON

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Department of State
Washington

In reply refer to
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June 18, 1937

My dear Dr. Warnshuis:

I have received your letter of June 16, 1937, enclosing copies of correspondence exchanged between the British and Egyptian Delegations at Montreux relating to British educational, medical and charitable institutions in Egypt and inquiring whether similar correspondence was exchanged between the American and Egyptian Delegations.

In reply I am happy to inform you that assurances concerning American educational, medical and charitable institutions (associations and foundations) in Egypt were given in an exchange of correspondence between Nahas Pasha, Prime Minister and President of the Egyptian Delegation, and Mr. Fish, head of the American Delegation, identical with those given the British Delegation.

I may add that action is being taken shortly to draw up, in agreement between the American and Egyptian Governments, as contemplated in the last paragraph of the letter of May 8, 1937, from Nahas Pasha to Mr. Fish, a list of the American institutions falling within the provisions of the correspondence in question. In the drafting of the list this Government will naturally be guided by the recommendations of the Legation in Cairo. With that end in view and in order that the list may be an inclusive one, the Minister in Cairo is being requested to consult with American representatives in Egypt of the relevant American institutions.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Wallace Murray,
Chief, Division of the Near East Affairs.