

Sæby, 14.9.79

Dear Nabil,

I am sorry that I have been so late in answering the kind suggestion you gave me in Damascus in April.

However, as I told you, I had an offer to be employed by our Ministry of Commerce in USA, and as I could not make up my mind, I decided to spend my summerholidays over there, to investigate the place and the job more closely. In a way I was very impressed: The USA is a great country, where anything is possible and especially to me coming from a small and different society.

What impressed me most, though, was the friendliness and helpfulness of the americans, who were more relaxed and easy to communicate with than most europeans. This was especially noticable in the "land" while New York and Los Angelos are too big for me.

The job was in Denver, a pleasant town in the Midwest near the Rocky Mountains, with a climate much the same as in Damascus.

Nevertheles, in spite of all pleasantness I have decided the reject the offer, because this kind of job no longer appeals to me (in a way similar to my work with Danish Food in Beirut). Part of the reason is also the fact that I have been giving it some thoughts whether I should remain in Denmark or still take some years abroad, and my conclusion has been that in order to keep my relationship to one place it is time now to settle down. I am afraid that the more time is spent traveling and living different places, the more "homeless" people will fell. It does not matter much now, but I feel that later it will be nice to have a place to call home. Therefore I regret that our "partnership" in Damascus cannot materialize. I do hope that we nevertheles will have the opportunity to meet now and then - here or at Fardous - and I send our best regards to yourself, your wife and kids Ahmed, your father and other friends