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Dear Mr. Talaat:

Welcome to Washington and the United States. I hope that your journey has been pleasant and that you are looking forward to your visit in our country as a guest of the Department of State.

As you know, we are anxious to provide you with an opportunity to see the United States, meet its people and learn of their life. We particularly hope that you will feel free to tell us in full just what you would like to do while here. Every effort will be made to arrange a program for you that will meet your desires.

After careful discussion with you, Mr. Robert L. Abbey will make all arrangements for your program in Washington and elsewhere in the United States. Mr. Abbey is a member of the staff of The Council on Leaders and Specialists, a private organization under contract to the Department of State for the purpose of preparing the programs of distinguished visitors such as yourself.

Should any question or problem arise while you are in the United States, you should feel free at any time to ask Mr. Abbey's help. His office address is: Council on Leaders and Specialists, 818 18 Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006; Telephone: (Area Code 202) 298-7450; Home telephone: (Area Code 301) 365-7948.

Tomorrow, after you have had a night's sleep, I will call at your hotel at about 10:15 in the morning to take you to meet Mr. Abbey.

Again, I wish you welcome and a rewarding stay in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

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