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Mr. Amon G. Carter Forth Worth Star Telegram Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Rex Ingram of whom I spoke to you yesterday. I had discussed this matter with Rex prior to talking to you and this letter came unsolicited, but you can appreciate that he was thinking about the same as you were and apparently would make the same approach.

Rex is the Hollywood director who discovered and exploited Rudolph Valentino. Many of the scenes of his pictures when he had his own company were laid in Morocco and he became a member of the Mohammedan faith through his great friendship and sincere affection for the Sultan. Rex speaks Arabic and has excellent connections. When your letter arrives, I will discuss it with Rex and we will lay plans to follow out your suggestion of a reward for everything intact or a partial reward for the cameras. At any rate, we will make every effort through this source. Rex would not consider any reward for himself as he is independently wealthy but he would gladly contribute whatever effort he could make as a gesture of friendship for me.

With every kind wish for you, I am

Very sincerely.

Harry