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My Dear Harold:

Knowing so little about the case of your friend's capture it's hard for me to give any advice.

But if there is available data regarding the date and approximate locale of capture it may be possible to trace the Arab through the two Leica cameras which, if I understand correctly, he stole.... There is a man in Tunis who has been with the Sûreté, or secret police, for years. If and when we take the city of Tunis, our people can find out if he has survived the bombardment. His name is Francois Medelji, or Medelgi. Francois and his brother are the only sons of the chief executioner to S.A. The Bey of Tunis, and their slenching has been done chiefly among the native population. So I'm convinced that this Francois, a first-class rascal, between ourselves, stands a pretty good chance getting a line on the Arab through the Kaïd or Cheikh of the district where the capture took place. Medelji is the only Moslem I've ever known who was ashamed of his name - Muhammad. He changed it to Francois, believe it or not! Anyway, for a little money I've known him to accomplish wonders. How is Lois? Give her P.T.O.

My best regards - also salute the commission (2)
for me. I expect you've met Harry soon by
now - I told him to call you up. We've been
friends since 1915. Was so glad to hear
from you again. Actually, was on the point
of writing you when the long distance
operator phoned to say Wesleylyn was
on the line -

Bestest
Rex.