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Dear Uncle George:

Just a line to let you know that your air mail letter of the 8th came this morning. I am deeply disappointed and ashamed that our U. of C. Press held your MSS so inexcusably and did nothing about it.

I will talk with John about it this afternoon, and also with Keith who is provisionally carrying the editorial responsibility for JNES. (You know, George Cameron is in the Near East with wife & children, and when he returns to this country in February he takes up new duties as chairman of the department in the University of Michigan.) We will let you know at once whatever we find out about the situation and the prospects here.

Also I will ask George Allen (the only person other than Worrell who would be likely to know) how it happened that Worrell's Chicago Proverbs got printed in England. I notice that Worrell's "Coptic Texts in the University of Michigan Collection" (1942) was printed by Furst in Baltimore.

Jean joins me in cordial greetings to you and Tante Lise. She is busy today supervising plasterers who are working in our apartment—a messy and unpleasant job, but we shall be happy to have it done, as we have been trying to get it done ever since we moved into the apartment fifteen years ago. Then comes a small amount of "decorating" which the owner will pay for, and we shall have to do a lot of similar work personally which the owner will not pay for.

I'll write again very soon. Meanwhile thank you for your kind greetings and good wishes and for the cheering news of your continued b good health. El hamdu l'illah!

as always, Billy