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Dear Abu Omar,

You certainly received the official communication about the second session of the Tribunal to be held in Brussels, 11-18 January 1975. There will be a private meeting of the Jury members on the 10th of January at 4 p.m. in order to organize the work. You should be in Brussels by that time. The address of our Committee is 9 rue des Paroissiens, 1000 Bruxelles.

Our Beirut encounter is still very much present in my mind and I enjoy meeting you again and have the opportunity to talk with you about Palestinian problems. Under separate cover, I am sending you a small dossier which will testify on the battle I have been waging in the Italian press for the defence of the rights of the Palestinian people, and also on the attacks that have been launched against me. It is in Italian of course, but I hope you will find some one able to read it to you. As you will see, the Turin daily paper La Stampa, which ranks number two in the Italian press, has called me a fedayn. It is to me an honour which I do not deserve. I am also sending you a copy of the report which I presented at the Damascus interparliamentary meeting. It will be published in Italian in the monthly Problemi del Socialismo of which I am the director. This is a battle for the rights of the peoples which is adding to those I have been waging and still wage for the Algerian, Vietnamese and Latin American peoples. It starts giving some results now: the moment is quite favorable and it is worth while to intensify our efforts. But we will talk about it.

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To go back to the Russell Tribunal, as you know since we talked about it, our resources are very poor in comparison with the vastness of the effort to be made. The first session in Rome and the day-to-day work of the Secretariat are a heavy weight on my shoulders and even the second session in Brussels will have to be financed in great part by us. For this reason, I would insist that your organization support entirely your expenses (travel plus board and lodging) and, if possible and politically wise, add a financial contribution for the other expenses we will have to face.

Finally, let me know if you wish to be put in contact in Brussels with organizations involved in the defence of the rights of the Palestinian people. As Vice-President of the International Inter-parliamentary Association for European Arab co-operation, I know of some Belgian colleagues. We could study the possibility of organizing a demonstration, if this is of some interest to you. Please answer right away.

Please send my best greetings to Abu Ammar.

Waiting for your answer, I am

Cordially yours,

Lelio Basso

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