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Mr. Sari Nuseibeh  
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Dear Sari:

I was happy to hear that the contract you signed has arrived. For us in the Cultural Studies programme, this means that your appointment has now become official. Let me then welcome you to the department on behalf of the others; this year we are three, next year we expect to be five. By Birzeit standards, we are definitely not a small department.

Concerning courses and the teaching load for next year: we will need you to "team-teach" Cultural Studies 232 and 331. In addition, I can give you the option of teaching an introduction to philosophy course, or one more section of either C.S. 232 or 331. Either way, you will have approximately the same number of hours per week.

As far as the philosophy course is concerned, we still have copies of the textbook used last semester which we have to use up. If you decide to teach the course, I wonder if you would not mind using it. It is John Burr and Milton Gouldinger, eds., Philosophy and Contemporary Issues, 2nd.ed., Macmillan, 1976. I am enclosing a photocopy of the table of contents.

Concerning C.S. courses: usually several sections of each course are offered. All sections meet for a weekly general lecture, then meet separately for discussions for the rest of the week. The sections are divided among faculty members in the programme, each giving some of the lectures, depending on his field and interest. I will see to it that you will not give lectures during the first two to three weeks of the semester so that you will have enough time to prepare.

We do not use one single textbook for C.S. courses but prepare our own, which consists of collected readings taken from different books. I am enclosing an outline for C.S. 331. Ms. Hama Nahhas of the C.S. programme, will be writing to you separately about C.S. 232.

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Mr. Sari Nuseibeh (cont'd.)

We have recommended to the Dean that Lucy be hired on a full-time basis. She would, therefore, hear from him soon.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write. Lisa and I will be in the U.S. beginning July 15, and if there is anything you would like to discuss over the phone, my itinerary will be as follows:

- July 15 to July 20, Buffalo, N.Y.
- July 20 to August 15, San Francisco, at:

3726 22nd str.  
San Francisco  
Calif. 94114  
Tel: (415) 684-5072

- August 15 to Sept. 15, Buffalo, N.Y.

I do not as yet know my address in Buffalo, but if there is something for which you need a quick response, I could call you as soon as I arrive in Buffalo, if you will write me a note before I leave.

Best regards to Lucy.

Sincerely,

G. J. Giacaman

George J. Giacaman  
Coordinator, C. S. Programme

P.S. I am also enclosing a copy of "Guide to Incoming Faculty", which although prepared two years ago, which still may be of some use.

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