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Hon. Henry Morgenthau,
U.S. Ambassador,
Turkey.

My dear Sir:

I have received your telegram saying that my telegram of Sunday was not received. It was as follows: "About 2,000 Armenian refugees here from Zeitoun and vicinity. Can you give them aid through me." I addressed this to the American Red Cross through you. I received permission from the police to visit them once, but when you asked again for permission to take some aid to them I was refused, until the Vali should come. He arrived last night and I have just called on him. He refuses permission to give them any aid or even to see them, and says they are all to be sent elsewhere tomorrow, where I do not know. He said he had seen you and that you asked after us here. There are now over 3,000 of these "refugees" here. I will not attempt to go into details. We are very comfortable here and very busy with soldiers patients, but of the same class as we have had all winter. This may be changed at any time now.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

(Signed): William S. Dodd.

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