

3 Jan 73

Allohu 'a' Abha.

Dear Greg,

You would be happy to see how ~~the~~ some of the Bahá'í young people were singing the songs you sang at the last 19 Day Feast. We are all very grateful that you visited Korea, even for such a short time. Miss Kim who we asked about joining a regional teaching team got permission from her parents, as you know - and says she can arrange a leave from her office.

Here's the address you asked for

MR Khudarahm Payman

PO Box 612

Djakarta-Kota,

Indonesia

Taman Tanah Abang III/30

Djakarta-Kota

Indonesia

Cable: PAYMANCO DJAKARTA

Phone: 40914

I have told Miss Kim to not process her passport and visa until we hear something more definite. We would be interested to have your views now that you have been in Taiwan.

Thank you for leaving the money. We will try to put it to good use.

The teaching committee in Young-chun, where we visited, hope to form seven more LSA's by end of January and a total of 19 LSA's by Ridwan. Do pray for us.

Warmest wishes,

John M.

January 4, 1973  
Tainan, Taiwan

Counsellors for N.E. Asia

Dear Baha'i Friends:            Allah-u-Abha!

Toni Mantel and I arrived here quite safely last Friday, and as agreed we have been looking about and talking with the friends here to get some idea of the possibilities for an international Baha'i singing group in Taiwan. I should like to put below some of my observations, and Toni I think will write a separate note.

From what I can gather the Baha'is here are enthusiastic (relatively speaking) about this idea, but it will certainly not be an easy project if it bears fruition. In general, as you know, the friends in Taiwan are not well organized nor do they have much unused time to use for special activities, so any visiting group should be prepared to do most of their own organizing and especially their own leg-work, after consultation (of course) with the responsible Baha'i institutions. Therefore a good organizer would be an essential requirement for the group. Perhaps Dale Eng in the Philippines could serve such a function. If he is not able to come someone else must be found.

Organizational requirements here would include obtaining mandatory police permission three days in advance for each performance, finding public lodgings and food for the group, printing posters and flyers (offset, preferably with a photo of the group), finding and renting places for performances, finding young Baha'is who would distribute flyers with members of the group, arranging travel for the group, and of course working with Baha'i institutions to insure overall planning and adequate follow-up. Approximate costs here would be US \$2 - 3 per day per person for lodging, \$2 - 3 for food, perhaps \$10 per day for room rentals and publicity for performances (or more if luck and organization is bad in finding places), and perhaps \$20 - 25 per person total transportation costs for a tour around the island. Thus for a five-person group for three weeks the total cost might be US\$850. This is only a very rough estimate.

Judging from my short stay in Korea the expenses there would be a little less, especially if free places such as schools could be found for performances. The Baha'is are also better organized. John can best estimate costs.

Here in Taiwan, as in Korea and Japan, the impact on the Baha'is of having a unified and effective music group come through would be tremendous. The people here love to sing, but the Baha'is do not as yet sing songs in their languages nor do they use music for teaching. With an example and some inspiration, though, the younger Baha'is would perhaps take some initiative and new teaching methods would be created. This could be very important for Taiwan. It is essential, however, that the right group be formed. It must not be overly American either in members or in music. It must have a unified, prayerful and obedient attitude achieved through daily prayers and consultation, and periodic group deepening sessions (especially at the very beginning). And it must be as mixed and international as possible. In addition to including a good organizer, there must also be at least one musician with instrument (like guitar) to be a music "anchor" and hold the songs together.

It seems that for Taiwan, the best time for such a group to visit would be during the month of February, when many schools have holidays for Chinese New Year. This would free some of the Baha'i youth to assist with the group (handing out flyers, etc.) and perhaps make it easier to find a Chinese member. The advantage of February over other times does not seem overwhelming, however, if there are other factors to be considered. It's hard for me to judge how long such a group would be effective in Taiwan before they should move on. This depends mostly on organization and the ability of the friends here to follow through on contacts made. It is perhaps not so good to have proclamations in areas where the Baha'is cannot return for follow-up, unless the music group can stay at least a few days. Thus proclamations in four areas where there are strong Baha'i communities plus perhaps opening one or two new areas could be done in three weeks with organization. It is important to keep such a group active and teaching to keep spirits up—one more reason to have a good organizer with the group.

The main problem, as before, seems to be finding the right people for such a project. Here in Taiwan the prospects are most uncertain. Everyone is busy and has commitments. If it is definitely decided to form a group three or four people could be approached and asked to sacrifice their vacation time, job, etc. to join the group, but there is no telling now who would be available at the last minute. One or two Taiwanese would be most important at least while the group is here. I'm sure one way or another people could be found to be with the group but the basic requirements for musicians and an organizer should be met with outsiders. If a Chinese-speaker from elsewhere can be found so much the better.

If Makoto Yasuda in Japan can be persuaded to come and if the Engs in the Philippines can come the basic framework of the group would be in hand. Otherwise we must look elsewhere, perhaps to Malaysia or Hawaii, for talent. Miss Kim Han-ju in Seoul has said she can come if financially assisted, and she would make an excellent team member, but not a leader. Between 15 days and one month are required to process her passport, and financial guarantee stamped by the Korean Consulate is required to begin processing.

As for myself, my schedule (already communicated to NSAs) calls for me to leave Philippines (after 9 days there and four in Hong Kong) on January 18. After 5 days in Indonesia, 5 in Singapore, 2 in Malaysia and 4 in Saigon I had scheduled four days in Cambodia beginning February 3. However, it seems likely that shorter stays in Vietnam and Cambodia would be equally as productive, if I should return to Taiwan for a few days at that time to assist in forming the music group. I would of course wish to consult with the Counsellors of that area and with the NSAs before committing myself, but it is my feeling that this is a highly meritorious project if the right people can be found. I will await word in the Philippines about further developments, and meanwhile will be looking for likely candidates.

One word in conclusion. If a group is formed from the persons mentioned above and Miss Mantel, all should be aware of the danger of strong personalities breaking the group apart. With consultation and a teaching spirit personalities can be harmonized, but this should be conscious and an effort made. Otherwise disunity can result and the group should be disbanded. Time must be allowed for deepening on teaching and for building a feeling of unity and fellowship.

With warmest Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Bahl

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS  
OF IRAN ( PERSIA )

NO. 9/3/578  
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Tehran, Iran,  
12th. Shahrol Sharaf 129 B.E.  
10th. January, 1973.  
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Mr. Gregory C. Dahl,  
c/o Mrs. Keith G. Dahl,  
P.O.Box 3713,  
Carmel, Calif. 93921,  
U.S.A.

Dear Baha'i Friend,

Re: Change of Date of Travel to Iran.  
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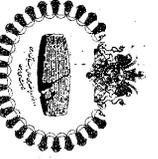
We have lately received the letter of our dear Friend dated December 27, 1972, concerning the above subject and would like to state that this Assembly has sent the photostat copy of your letter to the East and West Committee for information and necessary action.

In this connection, would you please be kind and let us know exactly the flight number and the hour of your arrival. Besides, we wish to state that the East & West Committee can make reservation for you. Also, we wish to congratulate you for the favour the Universal House of Justice have bestowed upon you, you the devoted Servant of God, in order to assist in the arrangements to be made for the International Convention in Haifa.

With loving Baha'i greetings,  
Sincerely yours In His Service,

*R. Arbab*  
RUHI ARBAB,  
SECRETARY,

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF  
THE BAHA'IS OF IRAN.



Les aigles cavaliers transmettent  
les courriers et les nouvelles en un temps  
record des quatre quartiers du monde.

à la capitale de l'Empire Persé.  
M<sup>r</sup>. GREGORY C. Dahl,

c/o Mrs. Keith G. Dahl,

P.O. Box 3713,

Carmel, Calif. 93921,

U.S.A.

AÉROGRAMME PAR AVION

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ADRESSE

شانی آرباب  
RUHI ARBAB  
SHIRKAT-I-NAWNAHALAN,  
TEHRAN, IRAN.

To. Mr. Gregory Dahl  
C/O NSA of the Baha'is of  
SINGAPORE.

16 January 1973

Dear Baha'i Brother,

We are very much pleased to receive your loving letters you wrote from home and from Tokyo informing us of your arrival into Rangoon on the 12th February.

As the situation here is not very good we have arranged things as far as feasible for you to move about for the conveying of the very glad tidings given us by Baha'u'llah.

We will do our best to give the due hospitality to our honoured guest who has taken so much pains to see the friends in Burma.

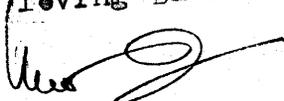
We hope that you will meet warm reception from the friends at every place you visit during your sojourn in this beautiful country of ours.

God willing you may have the chance of paying a visit to the Village of Abdul-Baha where we have a beautiful shrine entombing the remains of the Great Pioneer Syiid Mustafa Roumie the first man who came to Burma in 1878 together with Syiid Jamal Effendi who was sent by Baha'u'llah.

These two revered Teachers had sown the seeds and now we have 75 ISAs with over 6000 believers in 175 centres.

Please bring as much literature as you can from all the places you passed through.

Yours loving Baha'i friends

  
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Secretary. 16/1/73

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AIR LETTER

NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED



TO THE DIRECTOR OF AIR MAILS  
 Mr. Gregory S. Dahl  
 C/O Burma Centre  
 56 Hartley Grove  
 Market Estate  
 SINGAPORE 15

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FROM  
 U.K. DISTRICT  
 SINGAPORE

THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF HONG KONG

BAHAI CENTER  
HOTUNG HOUSE  
MIDDLE ROAD  
11TH FLR. C6  
KOWLOON

CABLE:  
"BAHAIFAITH" HONG KONG  
TEL: 676407  
662688

16 Jan 73

Dear Greg:

Your cable received. We hunted high and low for the cassette and could not find it. A few days later Tek Tark Hoe came in and we told him about it. He said you had made a copy of the Samoa Songs for him, so we asked him to make a copy from his. He came in the next day to borrow my recorder and sure enough there was your Scotch Cassette, exactly where you left it. Where we never thought to look for it.

I have wrapped it and shipped it via air mail to Singapore. Trust it gets to you. Enclosed is clipping from Chinese paper, Wah Kiu Yat Po - 9 Jan 73 - plus 2 snapshots. Thanks again for your great help, and the Alpha hosts stay with you. With love Phil Marangella

P.S. If you see our beloved Uncle Jan Kee Leong  
tell him we wish he would come back here for  
another 3 months stay. We need him and  
we love him, Also love to the Sundrans and Betty F.  
Phil

# National Teaching Committee

A COMMITTEE OF

The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Samoa, Inc.

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Secretary: P.O. Box 1117  
Apia, W. Samoa  
January 22, 1973

Mr. Greg Dahl  
c/o NSA of Phillipines  
1970 A. Roxas  
Singaleng, Manila

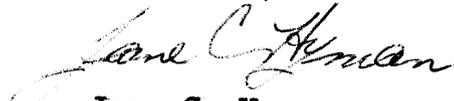
Dear Greg:

On behalf of the National Teaching Committee of Samoa let me thank you for giving us of your time and talents in your visit to Western Samoa. The friends enjoyed your music and we were all very pleased with the talk and related publicity.

I am very sorry to be so slow in returning your photographs. There was some difficulty in getting them back from the newspapers and then we seemed to have been hit with a number of projects and activities. I hope they do not come to late in your trip to be of use. I am also enclosing the article concerning your visit to Western Samoa which appeared in the November 24, 1972 issue of the Samoa Times.

We wish you a very fine and happy trip.

Thank you,

  
Jane C. Hyman

February  
~~January~~ 1, 1973  
Saigon

To: Counsellors/N.E.Asia  
(cc to each)

Dear Baha'i Friends:                      Allah-u-Abha!

Greetings from Vietnam, land of so many troubles!

As promised, I spoke with some of the friends in Malaysia about the idea we had discussed for a NE Asia Baha'i singing group, and I should like to report the findings.

Most of my brief visit to Malaysia was spent in the Penang area, where I stayed with Shantha Sundram, and where most of the musical talent of the country seems to be located. I think there will be no problem finding enthusiastic and talented Malaysians to join any ~~not~~ kind of travelling teaching project, if financial assistance can be offered. (At present their national fund is exhausted from pioneering commitments, and the youth on the whole have no extra money lying around).

Specifically, Malaysia's best guitarist (and perhaps only one of sufficient experience and talent), Mr. Chong Boo Haw (Baha'i Centre, 7 Jalan Serai, Alor Star, Malaysia) seemed interested. He is in his middle or late twenties, married and with one young child. At present he works in a financial institution of some kind, but he holds a teaching certificate and was thinking sometime soon of going pioneering employed as a teacher (if I remember correctly). Anyway, it would be possible for him to give up his job and make himself available for a couple months, if needed. I don't know what arrangements would be made for his wife, or if she should come with him. She sings with average talent, according to Boo Haw. He himself is a talented guitarist on a par with Makoto in Japan, and also a good singer. The two of them together would be smashing. Boo Haw is presently the central figure in an informal Baha'i choir they have in Penang. If one of them came back with some experience in a really well organized travelling group I'm sure it would be no time at all before they would have such a group in Malaysia, perhaps travelling to Thailand, Singapore, etc., which would be a great boost to those countries.

There are several other youth in Penang who, although not guitarists, have considerable talent and would make a fine addition to a Baha'i group. Mr. Tan Lee Soo Hock is the music-writer for many of the Malaysian songs about the Faith, and he has an ear for harmonies ~~and~~ as well as an adequate voice and some musical experience. He plays in the Penang Philharmonic (trombone, I think); also plays piano. At the moment he is awaiting the results of their major exam after secondary school, and is thus free. Also free for the same reason is Miss Lim Li Swan, a very energetic and enthusiastic young Baha'i with a very fine voice for group singing. She would be an excellent member of a group both musically and for the spirit of teaching, I think, with the only hitch that she might have trouble getting permission from her parents.

I'm sure the friends in Malaysia could make many other suggestions of possible

participants in a music group. These three were just those among the youth I met and spoke with who seemed to show special promise.

Shantha Sundram was also in on these discussions, and provided ~~some~~ some particulars. Otherwise no effort was made to discuss the proposal with the NSA or in any other official way, as this should be done by the appropriate sponsoring NSA if the project is launched.

I hope and pray that your deliberations ~~are~~ fruitful, and that the NSA's in your area will be able to cooperate to the extent necessary to make an international ~~an~~ endeavor of the type proposed a reality and a great success.

With warm Baha'i love and greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

13 February 1973

To the Chairman  
Security and Administration Committee  
Bodadamy, Rangoon  
~~The~~ Dagon

Re: Application for permission to visit ~~Dedainaw~~  
and in Kunguangoon Township. DAIDANAW

Dear Sir:

This is for the purpose of asking you kind permission for a one day visit to Dedainaw, in Kunguangoon Township. In that village is the grave of the honored Syjid Mustafa Rumi, early promoter in Burma of the Bahai Faith, of which I am also a follower. It would be greatly appreciated if I could visit the grave - a place of fame to Bahai around the world - while I am in Burma.

The requested dates for this visit are departure from Rangoon 14 February and return 15 February, since I must leave Burma no later than 18 February your expedition's consideration of this request will be appreciated.

yours truly,

Gregory C. Dahl

GREGORY C. DAHL  
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# NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'Í'S OF INDIA

POST BOX 19, NEW DELHI ☐ TELEPHONE: 387328 ☐ CABLE: BAHÁ'ÍFAITH

13th February, 1973  
7th Mulk, 129 BE

Mr. Gregory Dahl  
C/o NSA of  
Burma

Dear Baha'i Brother,

Greetings from India !

We are so glad to learn from your letter of 7th November that you will be with us for about 19 days.

We are informing the LSA of Calcutta about your arrival there on 18th February ~~from~~ from Rangoon. Following is the address of the Auxiliary Board Member, Mr. S. Chatterjee in Calcutta :-

Office

Mr. S. Chatterjee  
Empire Stores  
60C, Chowringhee  
Calcutta

Residence

Mr. S. Chatterjee  
202, Rash Behari Avenue  
Calcutta - 29

Telephone: 449242

As you are visiting Kathmandu, Nepal, please contact the following address over there :-

Mr. Mohan Munje  
Soaltee Hostel  
Kathmandu  
Telephone: 11211

Before we finalise your programme in India, we wanted to consult with you. However, after talking with Dr. Dwight Allen who is at present in India, (he is leaving for USA on 15th February,) we wanted to utilise your special talents in training some of the mature Baha'i youth in teaching, consolidation and proclamation activities, and they are more in Bombay and Poona.

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# NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'Í'S OF INDIA

POST BOX 19, NEW DELHI □ TELEPHONE: 387328 □ CABLE: BAHÁIFAITH

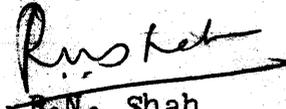
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Perhaps, after staying for two or three days in Delhi, you may go to Bombay and Poona. On your way back to Delhi from Bombay, we would like you to visit some of the Baha'i villages in Ujjain and Gwalior areas.

Further details of the programme will be worked out on your arrival at New Delhi.

Hoping to see you soon, and with loving Baha'i greetings,

Yours in His Service,

  
R.N. Shah  
Secretary

RNS/pb

FROM

INTERNATIONAL GOALS COMMITTEE

112 LINDEN AVENUE  
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091  
(312) 256-4400

TO Mr. Gregory Dahl  
P.O. Box 3713  
Carmel, California 93921

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of pictures and reports

DATE: Feb. 20, 1973

FOLD ↑ **MESSAGE**

Dear Gregg: Thanks so much for the excellent reports and now the pictures you have sent to tell of your visits in many places in the Pacific and Asia. We have read them with interest and, now that the pictures have come, are sending them to the B. News editor and asked her to excerpt sentences from your reports to go with the pictures. The photos are excellent and so clear. We are sending the duplicate to the N.S.A. of Hawaii as you suggest.

Yes, more pictures would be welcome, especially if you keep in mind Baha'i News and those who will read it and perhaps be stimulated to take such trips themselves. It is good to have them as timely as possible, but reports of this kind in B. News are often late, and it is after all a journal of Baha'i events, not an up to the minute newspaper.

We hope the rest of your trip goes very very well.

With loving greetings,

*Sylvia Parmelee*  
Sylvia Parmelee

PLEASE REPLY TO → SIGNED

**REPLY**

DATE

SIGNED

March 1, 1973  
New Delhi

The Universal House of Justice

Dear revered friends,

Your kind letters of 28 January and 14 February were awaiting me on my arrival here today, forwarded from California. I trust that you have already received, or will shortly receive, my most recent report mailed this morning at the Delhi airport. It describes among other things a very successful visit to Dacca, Bangladesh, which was arranged at the suggestion of Dr. Muhajir. The university there seems to present an important teaching opportunity, and my only regret was that I could not stay longer due to inadequate health. A visit to Nepal has since provided the needed recuperation.

As requested by your Audio-Visual Department, I have been taking photos of Baha'i properties, principally in color (slides), in each place, including the Center in Thailand (the Temple Site is rather inaccessible I'm told and under water in the rainy season), the National Hazira and one local one in Burma (the Temple Site had not been definitely selected yet at the time of my visit), and the new National Hazira in Nepal. If any of these photos are needed before April you can cable here and I will send them airmail; otherwise I shall bring them with me.

I note that you have requested photos of the Baha'i properties in Afghanistan. Mr. Shah here says that one of the believers in Bombay can provide me with a reliable address of a Baha'i that I can contact during my short stay in Kabul, for this purpose. If there are any special instructions or precautions please write or cable here.

My flight to Tel Aviv from Tehran is now confirmed for April 7th, BA 321. I shall plan to take a bus to Haifa if this is best. Words fail me to express the eagerness with which I look forward to that trip and to the precious time to be spent in Haifa.

Yours in His service,

Gregory C. Dahl

March 1, 1973  
New Delhi

NSA of Iran

Dear Baha'i Friends,

Thank you for your kind and loving letter of 10 January, which only today has reached me via California.

My confirmed arrival in Tehran is via FG703 from Kabul on March 20th.

Foad Katirai, my good friend who will be visiting with his family in Tehran at the time of my arrival, has offered to meet me and provide hospitality. If other arrangements are preferable for the Faith that is fine with me but I thought the East and West Committee should know of his kind offer. After a few days in Tehran during Naw-Ruz, I shall be ready and eager to visit other places such as Shiraz, Esphahan, Tabriz, etc., if this can be arranged.

Thank you again for your continuing kindness. I look forward to sharing with the friends in Iran the pictures (slides), recordings, and stories I have collected in the 26 countries I have visited since leaving the States in November. The Baha'is in each country send their love and greetings.

Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE  
BAHÁ'Í WORLD CENTRE  
AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

TELEPHONE 53 72 31  
10 BEHOV HAPARSIM

P.O.B. 155  
H A I F A

March 22, 1973

Hold for arrival

Mr. Gregory Dahl  
c/o National Spiritual Assembly of the  
Bahá'ís of Iran

Dear Greg,

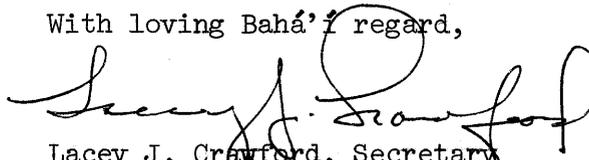
We have your letter of 1 March to the Universal House of Justice referred to the Audio-Visual Department for reply in connection with your schedule of arrival in the Holy Land.

In light of the arrival date of April 7, a Shabat in Israel, we suggest that you come by bus, if running, or sherut (group taxi costing about I£ 10.00) to Haifa after landing.

In Haifa we have arranged for lodging at the apartment of Mrs. Herta Lakshin, No. 2 Shoshanat, just off Sea Road (Derech Hayam) very near to the central Carmel, the Merkaz: her telephone: 68 13 78. Mrs. Lakshin is a friend of the Bahá'ís and is most hospitable; and Mr. Anthony Roy Worley is also staying there at the moment.

For your convenience, certain telephone numbers are listed below. Once again, welcome to the Holy Land and the World Centre.

With loving Bahá'í regard,



Lacey J. Crawford, Secretary  
Audio-Visual Department

Crawford: 82 803  
Ruhe: 251 231  
Chance: 245 012  
Gibson: 244 833

# INTERNATIONAL GOALS

COMMITTEE ■ 112 LINDEN AVENUE, WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091 ■ (312) 256-4400

April 19, 1973

Mr. Gregory Dahl  
Box 155  
Haifa, Israel

*Answer 30.4*

Dear Greg:

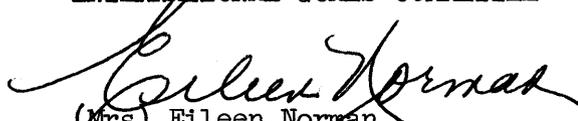
First, we want to express to you our appreciation for the wonderful reports you have been providing us of your trip. They are thorough and informative and have already been of value to us in our work.

We do not have an itinerary for you past this point but understand you are planning to be in Europe around mid-July. Is there any possibility you could arrive in Europe sooner? The reason we're asking is that we are once again holding summer projects in Europe, this year in Finland, Germany and France, and all three of these countries have inquired about music teams. We are unable to send individuals to form music teams as we did last year but in consultation at our last meeting agreed that it would be a good idea if we could send someone to Europe to train European teams. Hence, our question to you. If you are available, you could spend time in each of the three countries, helping them put a presentation together and perhaps assisting in the setting up of itineraries.

Naturally, we realize that you have a great deal to do in the time you have left on your trip but if it would be possible for you to take the time to assist it would be a great help. We'll wait to hear from you and meantime offer you our good wishes and gratitude for all your help in the past. We know you will be a valuable asset to the work of the International Convention.

Loving Bahá'í greetings,

INTERNATIONAL GOALS COMMITTEE

  
(Mrs) Eileen Norman  
Secretary

EN/df

MEMORANDUM

May 6, 1973

To: The Universal House of Justice

Subject: Establishment of Bahá'í Radio Stations

From: G. Dahl

At the suggestion of Dr. Ruhe, and without the benefit of my reference works and previous notes on the subject, I shall attempt to set forth below a few thoughts regarding the establishment and growth of Bahá'í radio services around the world.

Basically, as I see it, there are two rather different approaches to the development of Bahá'í radio programs world-wide. The first would involve the establishment of one or more large central stations broadcasting by short-wave to countries within about a 4,000 mile radius. This approach was discussed in detail in my report submitted to the Universal House of Justice five years ago. The second would entail the gradual development of many small stations (or rented air time) broadcasting on medium or short-wave bands for local or national reception.

Each of these approaches has its strengths and weaknesses. A central facility could employ highly competent Bahá'í personnel capable of producing quality programming beyond the talents of most national communities. Much larger populations could be reached in proportion to both the capital investment and the personnel requirements. However, only local stations can hope to provide comprehensive programming in regional languages and geared to local conditions. And it is primarily this type of programming that is most needed to further the Bahá'í work in many parts of the world.

Therefore, it would seem that the most fruitful approach at present would be to encourage the development of local broadcasting through the rental or purchase of stations or air time. Simultaneously, an international broadcasting center could be developed to provide supporting services. These supporting services I would see as being of great importance. They would include: 1) advice through correspondence and personal visits on the rental or purchase of radio equipment or time; 2) assistance in purchasing equipment abroad when warranted (as it will be in many cases); 3) advice on local preparation of programs, both technically and organizationally; 4) provision of materials for translation and broadcasting, to assist the local programmers; 5) provision of taped programs in English, French and Spanish suitable for direct airing; 6) provision of taped music (by Bahá'ís and otherwise) and other non-Bahá'í program material to supplement local music on Bahá'í stations; and 7) editing and distribution of nationally produced Bahá'í programs. This central facility would initially require a sound studio (located away from traffic and train noises to simplify sound insulation), tape duplicating and editing equipment, and a small technical and programming staff. Essentially it would be much like Lacey Crawford's work, except in sound rather than visuals. If possible the space could be chosen with expansion into videotaping or filming in mind when the time is right. And if land is available as well, either adjacent or within a few miles, expansion into a full-fledged short-wave station would also be possible. If this center is located at the World Centre, close direction by the Universal House of Justice would be simplified and the various resources of the World Centre staff would be accessible. The constant flow of pilgrims and visitors could also be tapped for recording sessions, advice on programming requirements in different regions, and so forth.

The services of a travelling expert either attached to the center described above, or otherwise, would likely well warrant the expense. Especially in countries where the Bahá'ís might contemplate building their own station from

scrathh, such an expert could provide invaluable guidance, advice, and assistance (as, for instance, in the purchase of equipment abroad). He could also consult with National Spiritual Assemblies on the development of radio and other proclamation resources in their countries. And he could take with him a suitable portable recorder and make recordings of Bahá'is singing, of talks, and of reminiscences both for broadcast and for the International Archives.

In summary, it would appear to me that the development of a large scale short-wave broadcasting facility or of sizable domestic stations is beyond the financial resources of the Faith at present (involving sums of \$250,000 and more). However, radio time and small stations can be rented or purchased in many countries for reasonable sums, and through these stations Bahá'í programming geared to local needs and in local languages can be aired. To assist in the development of such stations, and in anticipation of expanded international Bahá'í broadcasting, an international center could be developed to provide developmental and programming services to National Spiritual Assemblies.

P.O. Box 566  
Pebble Beach, Calif. 93953 USA  
May 7, 1973

National Spiritual Assembly of the  
Bahá'ís of

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

During the past year I have had correspondence with the Continental Pioneer Committee for Africa concerning a teaching trip I have been planning through your continent. After five months of travel teaching through the Pacific and across Asia (see U.S. Bahá'í News of April), the Universal House of Justice invited me to work for a month at the World Centre assisting the Audio-Visual Department in connection with the International Convention. Taking advantage of the presence at the Convention of many National Spiritual Assembly members as well as Counsellors, I have now worked out my final itinerary in Africa, a copy of which you will find enclosed. Please note my scheduled arrival and departure dates from your area.

As I have explained to the Continental Pioneer Committee, the purpose of my trip is primarily to assist with Bahá'í teaching and consolidation work. However, since I am an economist specializing in the prospects of the less developed nations, I shall also meet, when possible, with government officials involved in economic planning, especially when such meetings would be of benefit to the Faith. Any assistance the Bahá'ís can offer in arranging such meetings will be appreciated, though I can pursue these contacts directly in most cases.

While in your area I am at your service with regard to the scheduling of Bahá'í activities, teaching trips, proclamations, etc. I play the guitar and sing songs about the Faith, which has proven to be very valuable in my travels both for meetings (especially with youth) and for radio and TV appearances. I shall also have with me a number of slides of Bahá'ís around the world, and if you feel these would be of interest I suggest you obtain a slide projector.

As you consult on my schedule in your area, please note that I wish to reserve a certain number of days for personal errands and rest, as shown on the enclosed itinerary. During remaining days feel free to schedule trips to village areas or other parts of the country outside the capital; I will have modest funds to cover the expense of surface travel.

In order to allow the greatest flexibility in your scheduling of my time I have not made an independent effort to arrange for lodgings. To the extent that hospitality is available from the friends, even though humble, this would be very much appreciated both to reduce unnecessary expenses and to give me more time with Bahá'ís in each place. Where this is not possible I am hoping you can reserve space for me in low-cost public lodgings.

Finally, you may wish to arrange for some publicity connected with my visit. Enclosed you will find a press release for this purpose. I shall have a press photo with me, as well, should you need it.

After you have made some plans for my visit it would be of great assistance to me if I could hear from you with the details. You may write care of one of the National Spiritual Assemblies I will be visiting, or care of my parents at the address above (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Dahl).

Your assistance is very deeply appreciated, and I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months.

With warm Bahá'í greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

cc: Universal House of Justice / CPC / US IGC

May 9, 1973

MEMORANDUM

TO: Audio-Visual Department

FROM: Greg Dahl

SUBJECT: Verbal Comments at A-V Exhibit During International Convention

Since response from the two questionnaires handed out during the Convention was less than optimal, I thought it might be of value if I were to set down here my impressions from the many verbal comments and questions made at our exhibit during the three days of the Little Pilgrimage.

The most common and emphatic expression by the delegates was the desire to purchase materials on the spot to take with them from the Convention. In many cases they were thinking in terms of their own personal needs for teaching materials or ringstones, and in others the expectation of the friends in their home country that they would return with new materials (like the friends who attended the Panama conference at the time of the Dedication). Many commented also on the difficulty of importing materials into their countries due to high or prohibitive customs duties, and the need to have materials available in the Holy Land, Europe or the United States for travellers to purchase and carry with them to these countries.

Verbal comments on the "two rupee" ring were mixed, with many important countries (such as India and some of the more populous countries of Africa and South America) expressing great enthusiasm, and a few remarking that inexpensive jewelry loses the value of prestige associated with expensive jewelry. A number of delegates commented adversely on the enamel rings, complaining that they discolor quickly or the medalion comes off under the rough conditions of village life. It was explained that the "two rupee" ring may last much better under these circumstances if properly affixed to the shank.

There was considerable interest from a wide variety of delegates and Counsellors in the Bikoh projector. Delegates from the Virgin Islands, where the unmodified projector has been in use in the field, said it has stood up well. Their major complaint was that bulbs were burned out inadvertently due to changing voltages, and were difficult to replace. If the projector is made available for sale, spare bulbs should also be stocked since this bulb is not obtainable in most countries. A number of delegates remarked on the need for a 12 volt bulb for use with car electrical systems, in addition to the 6 volt bulb normally used with the machine.

Many delegates saw filmstrips for the first time in our display, and remarked on how practical they seemed if projection equipment could be obtained. These comments came from developed as well as developing countries. Two or three delegates mentioned that they had purchased adapters for slide projectors only to discover that these adapters were for horizontal, full frame filmstrips and not the vertical half frame format we produce.

In general there were very few delegates or Counsellors who spoke of having

experimented with materials in the field, and who showed a deep and creative interest in the materials and equipment displayed. But I think most of those attending the Convention spent some time looking at the exhibit and absorbing something of what it had to offer. Considerable discussion among the delegates about the role of materials in Bahá'í work was generated, judging from conversations overheard and comments to the Audio-Visual Department staff.

On the last day of Convention sessions when the packages of sample materials arrived from New York and were distributed, the enthusiasm and eagerness of the delegates seemed unbounded. My impression was that these packages of free samples, with the current IBAVC catalog, will prove to have been highly effective on a wide scale in advertising these materials.

In summary, then, the display in the Pilgrim House and the free materials given out at Beit Harofe together attracted a great deal of attention, comment and interest on the part of the delegates and Counsellors at the Convention, providing detailed information for those with specific interests, and a general impression of the use of materials for virtually everyone.

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

BAHÁ'Í WORLD CENTRE

HAIFA, ISRAEL

CABLE ADDRESS

BAHAIFAITH, Haifa

May 25, 1973

Mr. Gregory Dahl

Dear Bahá'í Friend,

The Universal House of Justice wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation for the important volunteer services which you have rendered during the exciting but arduous period of the Third International Bahá'í Convention. The special tasks of the Audio-Visual Department were reflected in immediate products of proclamation and record, but also you have rendered notable service for years to come through documentation of the many events of this momentous time in Bahá'í history.

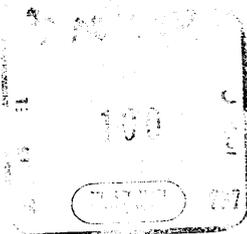
We express our gratitude, first for the spirit which prompted your volunteering to come to Haifa and then for your continuous labors during the pre-Convention, Convention and post-Convention times.

We trust that you found some opportunities to pray in the Shrines. Be assured that we shall pray for your spiritual welfare and success in all your services to the Cause.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

*The Universal  
House of Justice*

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION



RECEIVED 12 JUN 1973

Mr. Gregory Dahl  
c/o Elise Liknaitzky  
P. O. Box 4252  
Johannesburg, South Africa

P.O. Box 155  
HAIFA  
ISRAEL  
31-000

P.O. Box 566  
Pebble Beach, Calif. 93953  
May 27, 1973

International Goals Committee

Dear Baha'i Friends:

I hope you have by now received, in good condition, the photographs I mailed you from Lod Airport, Tel Aviv. They were of Asian Baha'is, mostly the Burmese, and were printed courtesy of the Audio-Visual Dept. of the House of Justice.

Enclosed you will find three more pictures to complete the set, and an article about Burma, which you may wish to share with Baha'i News.

If this article should be published, it seems to me it would be wise to insure that it not be sent in the mails to Burma, as it would be seen by authorities there and could be misconstrued. As you can imagine this could be of potentially great importance in a country such as Burma where the Baha'is enjoy unusual freedoms, and of course these freedoms should not be endangered in any way. More especially Baha'i visitors are in a delicate position there and the flow should not be impeded by attracting attention. Of course, such an article could be hand-carried to the friends there.

In Ethiopia I had a chance to see the April issue of Baha'i News and was surprised to see so much material from my reports published there. Someone did a lot of editing work! If I had known that such a detailed article was needed perhaps I could have written something specially.... Anyway, for the pictures other than those of Burma that I have sent you may want to caption again from the reports.

I hope also from my present travels in Africa, which are very exciting, that I can send some further material in two or three months.

As always, your services are deeply appreciated.

With warm Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE  
BAHÁ'Í WORLD CENTRE  
AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

TELEPHONE 53 72 31  
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P.O.B. 155  
H A I F A

June 3, 1973

Mr. Gregory Dahl  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Greg,

I wish to thank you personally for all the help and advice you extended to us. Your visit with us was absolutely too brief and your presence will certainly be missed.

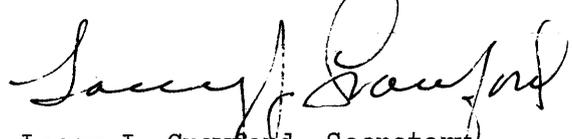
The Department is just beginning to return to normal, that is to 10 hours rather than 16 hours daily.

Your film arrived 2 days after your departure and we have forwarded it to the Rhodesia address. The negatives and proofs you left with us will be sent to your home address.

Dr. Ruhe inquired whether you had left the instructions booklet for the BIKO which we had discussed. I had assumed you had left it with him. I know you have a hectic schedule ahead of you and so little time, but please find enough to complete the manual. We are preparing to place a sizable order with Mr. Mumtazi and we wish to tie up all loose ends on this project.

I hope to hear from you soon. Our prayers go with you. We all send our love.

With warm Bahá'í regards,



Lacey J. Crawford, Secretary  
Audio-Visual Department

Enclosure

June 5, 1973

Dear Greg:

How often I think of you since your world-wide trip - which was such a bounty to so many parts of the world, and to so many people.

Also, thank you ~~so much~~ for leaving a tape for me of the songs you sang while in Kooloon (?) (don't know how it's spelled). Bahá'is all over the Philippines have learned new Bahá'í songs, as a result of your visit - and are being inspired to write some themselves, I think - also to form singing groups - which is such a wonderful means of spreading the Faith and its teachings. We enjoyed singing the new songs during the National Convention.

Next time you come this way - I hope N.S.A. books you up, at least part of the time, in this area of Luzon -

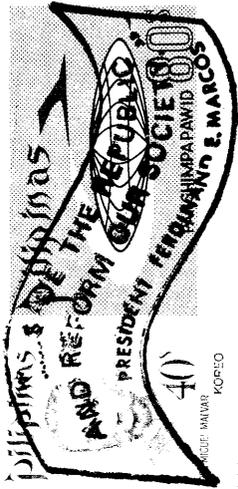
Bahá'u'lláh guide you, provide for, and protect you always!

Lovingly,

your Bahá'í sister,  
Margaret.

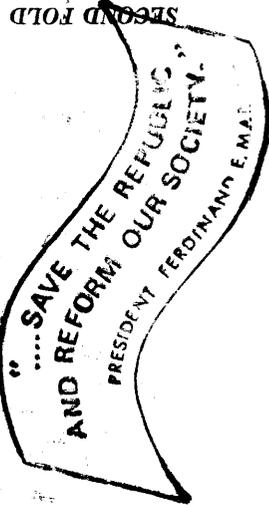
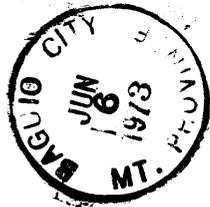
Mrs. Margaret Quinn  
67 Malvern  
Baguio City, Philippines

**AEROGRAVIMÉ**  
(AIR LETTER)



Mr. Greg Dahl  
c/o Henderson Jalali  
2402 Kam Dyke  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607  
U.S.A.

*Please forward!*



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IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER  
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# NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY

of the

## BAHA'IS OF NIGERIA

Cables: BAHAI FAITH, Lagos

Telephone:

Ref: 4587

P. O. Box 2029  
Lagos, Nigeria.

18 Jun 73

Greg Dahl  
% NSA - Cameroons  
P.O. Box 145  
Victoria, Cameroons

Dear Baha'i Friend,

Enclosed is a map of the area for the National Centre.

Crossing the border from the Cameroons, you will probably go first to Calabar. We have no address for the LSA there but you may want to enquire at the post office; their box is 252. If you are able to contact anyone, you will enjoy a visit to Akpabuyo, the area with most of the Baha'i population.

From there you can reach Ikem, contact Thomas Neji, home address ICC19, Ikem Four Corners.

Uyo - A.E. Eno, 32 Aka Road, office or 21 Jubilee Rd, home.

Nsukka - D.N. Emelogu, Bursar's Office, University of Nigeria.

Enugu - Martins Unachukwu, Post Office, Mails Section.

Port Harcourt - E. Spears, Presidential Hotel or Ministry of Agriculture.

Umuahia - Amos Agwu, Ministry of Agric, Vet Division or J.N. Bassey,  
13 Palm Lane

Onitsha - Frank Ibekwe, 20 Ukpos Street

Aba - L. Ohamuah, 20 Obiera Road or Dennis Ogbenna, 225 Cameron Rd.

We hope you will be able to contact some of these communities. Let us know the difficulties encountered so we may better advise future visitors.

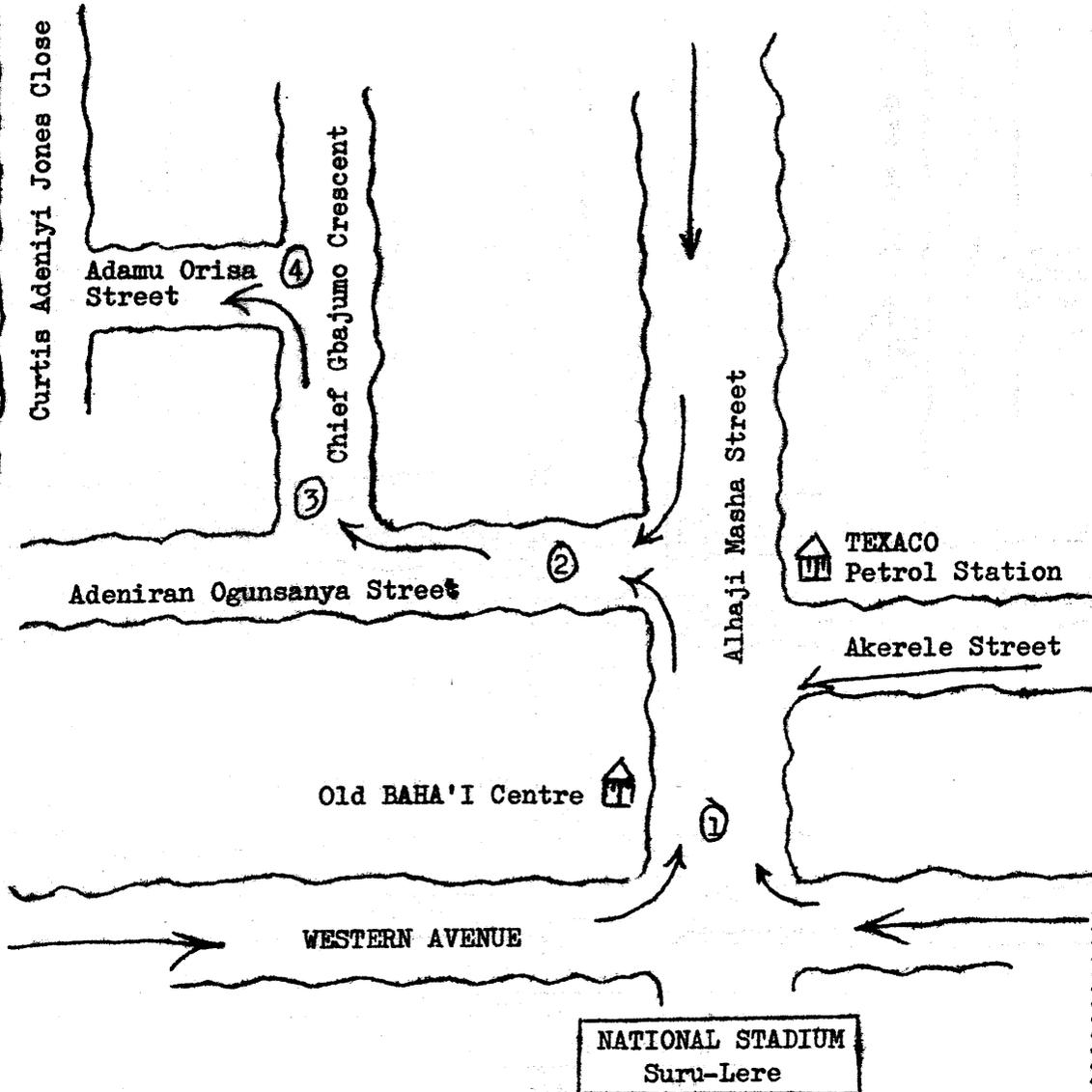
Warmest Baha'i greetings,

  
Evelyn C. Spears  
Secretary

NEW NATIONAL OFFICE  
37 Curtis Adeniyi Jones Close  
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57 New BAHAI Centre



ASSEMBLÉE SPIRITUELLE NATIONALE  
DES BAHÁ'IS DE COTE D'IVOIRE MALI ET HAUTE VOLTA  
B. P. 4770 ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE. CABLE: BAHÁ'Í

Abidjan, le 25th June 1973

Mr. Gregory C. Dahl  
c/o National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Ghana  
P.O. 7098  
Accra/North  
Ghana

Dear Mr. Dahl,

Our Assembly was most pleased to receive the news of your coming visit to our area. We have made arrangements for you to stay in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zekrollah Kazemi, who will be in the States at the time. You should be met by several of the friends at the airport at 15:10 PM. Should by some chance they not be there, please go to the following address :

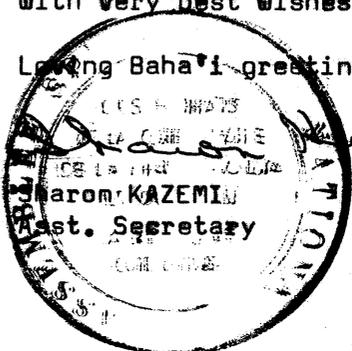
Miss Denise Manon  
Marché Cocody  
Escalier Grande Ourse  
Apt. 429 ( top floor )

Tell the taxi driver "Marché Cocody". You will find a rough sketch at the bottom of the page. If you have any trouble, ask at the small shop at the foot of the staircase ( it is marked on the map ) and they will send someone with you to find the apartment.

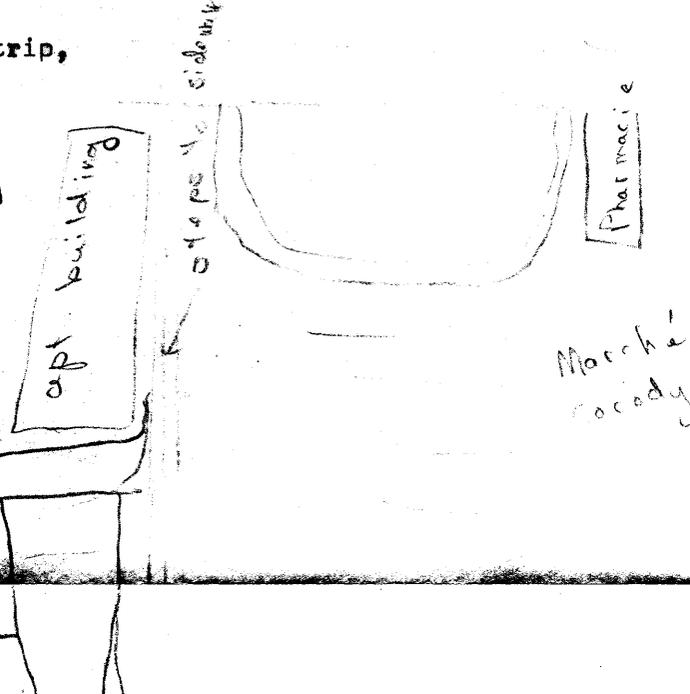
We have made no definite arrangements for your stay, apart from preparing a news release and requesting media interviews, as you did not mention in your letter if you spoke French or not. Upon your arrival it should be possible to arrange several visits to villages surrounding the capital should you find it advisable after consultation with the friends.

With very best wishes for a good trip,

Love and Baha'í greetings,



cc: CNE



Handwritten notes at the bottom left: 'top floor on left', 'cc: CNE', and '1st. Secretary'.

P.O. Box 3713  
Carmel, Calif. 93921 USA  
29 June 1973

Continental Pioneer Committee  
for Europe  
Mr. Fazlollah Berdjis  
8 Munchen 22  
Kaulbackstr. 66  
W. Germany

Dear Baha'i Friends:

Enclosed you will find copies of my letters to Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and Austria concerning my forthcoming visit to Europe in late August. You will note that I have written to Austria in connection with visits to Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

After arriving in Europe, and when my plans in Eastern Europe are more definite, I shall call or write to the NSAs of Germany and England in the event that perhaps one meeting in each country can be arranged during my short stops there.

Perhaps you recall that we had correspondence a year and a half ago about this trip. Reference for instance your letter to me of February 19, 1972.

Naturally I am looking forward to again being on the soil of your exciting continent. (This is written in Lusaka, Zambia.)

With warm Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

P.O. Box 3713  
Carmel, Calif. 93921 USA  
29 June 1973

NSA of Portugal  
Mr. Mario Marques  
Estrada Marginal, 8 - 2º Esq.  
S. Joao do Estoril, Portugal

Dear Baha'i Friends,

As you will see from the enclosed itinerary, I expect to be in Portugal August 12 to 14, 1973, and I shall be at your service for scheduling activities.

For ten months I have been travelling around the world as a travel teacher, visiting some 60 countries, and I shall be happy to show slides of these travels, talk with the friends, sing songs, etc. For slides, a projector should be arranged.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter to African NSAs which gives a little more background.

Looking forward to meeting you in August.

Warm Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

P.S. During the International Convention in Haifa I ~~stayed~~ roomed with Anthony Worley, who was also a photographer there, and he has told me much about your activities. It was also my hope to get to Portugal last summer with the New Garden singing group, but this proved impossible. So now I am most happy to be able to visit there, even though briefly.

cc: CPC

P.O. Box 3713  
Carmel, Calif. 93921 USA  
29 June 1973

ASN de los Baha'is de Espana  
Luis Cabrera, 56  
Madrid 2, Espana

Queridos amigos Baha'is:  
de Agosto

El 8 hasta el 11/yo estare, ojala, en Las Palmas de las Gran Canarias al fin de un viaje de tres meses en todos partes de Africa, ensenando la Fe. Todavia no tengo una direccion para los Baha'is in Las Palmas, y por eso yo pido a Uds. que mandan una carta a ellos con los detalles de mi llegado y salido de Las Palmas. Tambien si Uds. ~~XXXX~~ pueden mandar a mi el direccion y tal vez un numero de telefono para los Baha'is en Las Palmas, seria magnifico. Hay que mandarlo a mi por medio de la ASN de los Baha'is de Upper West Africa, P.O. Box 583, Bathurst, The Gambia (cable: BAHAI FAITH BATHURST), porque Gambia es el ultimo lugar en mi viaje antes de ir a Las Palmas.

Tambien yo estare en Madrid algunos dos dias el 14 hasta el 16 de Agosto, y estoy listo para reuniones o qualquier actividad con los Baha'is o para la ensenanza. Tengo transparencias de mis ~~viage~~ viajes este a ano en casi 60 paises, pero necesito una machina de projection.

Uds. encontraran conjunto con esto mi horario, y una carta a los ASN de Africa explicando mas sobre mis viajes.

Espero con anticipacion visitando con Uds. los dos dias en Agosto.

Con saludos carinosos Baha'is,

Gregory C. Dahl

cc: Continental Pioneer Committee  
for Europe

P.O. Box 3713  
Carmel, Calif. 93921 USA  
29 June 1973

NSA of the Baha'is of Austria  
Mr. Roland Philipp, Sec'y  
Thimiggasse 12  
A-1180 Vienna 18  
Austria

Dear Baha'i Friends:

In August I shall be passing through Europe on my way home after ten months of Baha'i travel teaching around the world (in the Pacific, Asia and Africa), and I am hoping to briefly visit Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Since I understand you have jurisdiction over these countries I hasten to write to ask for your guidance and advice.

As explained in the enclosed copy of my letter to African NSAs, which will give you more information, I am an economist and am interested in stopping in Eastern Europe to observe, even though quickly, something of these countries. If, however, I can at the same time visit any special contacts or otherwise help the Faith I shall be most happy to do so. Milan Jorgic (whom I met in Nepal) told me something of the activities in Yugoslavia. Stan O'Jack there is also a friend of mine from California.

If you feel it is wiser that I not contact any Baha'is I shall plan to stay only one or two days each in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, since I am in need of more time in the States before returning to the University Sept. 20th.

Another possibility is that I should be most happy to join a pioneer or travel teacher who might be travelling by car in these countries at the time I am there. My itinerary can be modified somewhat if necessary. (In any case I prefer to see something of the countryside as well as the cities when possible.)

I carry with me a good many materials and a few books which are easily identified as Baha'i. If this is unwise in Eastern Europe please be sure to tell me.

You will see from my schedule enclosed that I shall be in Lisbon, Madrid and Switzerland prior to Yugoslavia, and you can contact me there c/o those NSAs. I shall be happy to telephone you at that time if you give particulars, should it be more convenient for working out a schedule.

I look forward to hearing from you ~~XXXX~~ upon my arrival in Europe.

With Baha'i regards,

Gregory C. Dahl

P.O. Box 3713  
Carmel, Calif. 93921 USA  
29 June 1973

National Spiritual Assembly of  
the Baha'is of Switzerland  
Dufourstr. 13  
CH-3000 Bern, Switzerland

Dear Baha'i Friends:

As mentioned in my last letter, I shall be visiting Switzerland briefly this summer at the end of a ten months' Baha'i trip around the world, and it looks as though I shall be at your disposal for about four days. My present itinerary calls for

arrival Zurich August 16 14:45 PM on IB 282  
(from Madrid)

departure Zurich August 20 12:05 PM on SR 452

Since I should by that time have a considerable number of processed slides awaiting me at your address in Bern, arrangement should be made to deliver those to Zurich, or else I shall endeavor to come by train to Bern. You can decide which is best in light of the schedule you prepare.

I shall also have some errands to do during the daytime while in Switzerland, so meetings should be scheduled for the evenings except for unusual opportunities like TV.

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter to African NSAs and a press release which might provide you with further information.

It would be lovely if you could drop me a note concerning your plans for my time in Switzerland, so if there are any last minute problems I can call or cable you. I shall be in Lisbon two days and Madrid two days immediately prior to coming to Zurich, and can be reached care of those NSAs.

My previous visits to Switzerland have all been most happy and memorable, and I look forward to the pleasure of being again in the country so frequently blessed by the presence of the Guardian.

With warm Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

cc: CPC Europe

Dear Greg

15<sup>th</sup> Rahmat, 130 B.E.  
July 8, 1973

Your letter  
dated June 15

It's nice to hear from a dear Bahá'í brother in Africa. Your description of your 'protection' venture with Counsellor Fathesam in Lesotho was quite educational and inspiring. I guess most often we are too close to the forest to see the trees <sup>so</sup> that we cannot really understand or appreciate ~~of~~ <sup>the institutions</sup> which we are working with and under. May Bahá'u'lláh increase our awareness and awe.

Of course, you have heard the news that the House of Justice has changed some of the Continental zones in Asia and added a Board. So now NE Asia is vastly expanded. This very weekend the Board of Counsellors for NE Asia is having a meeting w/ Mr. Mumtazi, Mr. M'Henry III, Mr. Richard Benson & Elena Marsella attending and also Hand of the Cause Collis Featherstone who is supposed to be in Japan now for 1 1/2 wks. stay. Perhaps at this significant meeting, the Counsellors will be able to decide on a post for me.

I have spent the past couple of weeks w/ a young pioneer lady, Wendy Heller, living in Taichung City (located between Taipei and Tainan) where Victor Tom has been living for the past couple of years. She is staying in a newly-rented Bahá'í Center. Wendy & you are old playmates, which you might remember. I'll add a p.s. to this letter to refresh your memory.  
Wendy & I are <sup>presently (for a few days)</sup> w/ a Chinese Bahá'í (college stu-

dent in Taichung City) in a mountain area, bringing the Faith to new regions. There is a fair amount of receptivity but unfortunately most of the mountain people ~~in~~ in this region of Taiwan have been greatly saturated, and aligned, with Christianity. Perhaps, a special approach must be learned.

Altho these are 'tribal' people, their villages are quite advanced, w/ nice homes, T.V., electricity, refrigerators. - a backward version of Japan's rural & city areas.

But the movement itself for teaching will attract the most effective way to reach the people & will become a magnet to attract the receptive souls.

Another wonderful pioneer, from the western states also, is Roxanne Gardner who came w/ her husband as pioneers last April. They were both elected to the NSA. Roxanne is a good administrator (elected as asst secy to Kit, the secy of NSA) and also an enthusiastic teacher<sup>er</sup>. She & a Chinese Bahá'í are now on the other side of the island, expanding and consolidating.

So that's how things are here - pretty fine, really I hope all is well for you. Your sincere & selfless efforts for the Faith are certainly inspiring.

Warmest love, dear brother -

Joni

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July 11, 1973

Dear Bahá'í Friend:

We acknowledge your letter dated June 29, 1973 and we are very glad to your help. We asked our N.T.C. to organize a program for you and are giving you their adress:

Ana Costa  
Rua Viana da Mota, 4-r/c Dtº.  
S. Pedro Estoril

Telephone numbers: 674493 and 260571.

Thanking you again your cooperation to our activities.



**NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF WEST AFRICA**

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**WEST AFRICA**

July 15, 1973

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after early arrival*

Mr. Gregory Dahl  
c/o N.S.A. of Ivory Coast  
B.P. 4770  
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Dear Baha'i Friend,

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter with itinerary of your proposed visit to our area of West Africa. One of our National Assembly members will meet you upon arrival at Monrovia's Spriggs Payne Air Field and will extend you a warm welcome on our behalf. Due to the heavy expense of travel we are happy to provide lodging accommodations for you during your stay with us.

Please note the following itinerary we have scheduled for you:

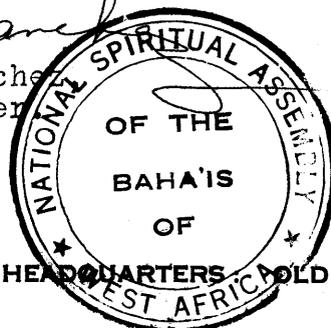
Tuesday, July 24th - Arrive and rest.  
Wednesday, " 25th - A.M. (Free) Monrovia.  
T.V. appearance 8:30 P.M.  
Thursday, " 26th - A.M. (Free) Monrovia  
Radio interview 3:00 P.M.  
Guest speaker (fireside) 7:30 P.M.  
Friday, " 27th - Travel to Bomi Hills A.M.  
Public Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Saturday, " 28th - Back to Monrovia- A.M. (Free)  
Public Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Sunday, " 29th - Depart for Sierra Leone.  
L.S.A. Freetown will arrange program  
for 2 nights and provide accommodations.

We shall use your Press Release for the News Papers and also arrange for interview upon your arrival. Please feel free to call upon us for any assistance you may feel necessary to help make your visit with us more fruitful.

We all send you our most loving Baha'i greetings.

Yours with Love in His Service,

*Georgia M. Sanchez*  
Miss Georgia M. Sanchez  
Secretary / Treasurer



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OLD CONGO TOWN

16 July 1973  
Accra, Ghana

Dear Hooper,

Allah-u-Abha!

Congratulations of your appointment to the World Centre! Truly the new Institution is extremely exciting for all the Baha'is around the world, and we look forward eagerly to seeing (eventually) some of the fruits of your new labors especially in knitting the Baha'i world ever closer together.

Enclosed is the tape I promised you, on the subject of Baha'i travelling youth teams with musical programs, etc.

While in NE Asia I had considerable consultations with the three Counsellors (Ruhi Mumtazi, John McHenry and Vic Samaniego) about the possibility of an international music group in their area. At their request I did a little scouting for talent in each country, and found in each a small group of excellent youth with some musical ability, but nowhere were they organized for distinct youth activities or anything like a "show" (though there had been talk). My impression was that a visit from a dynamic international team with members drawn as much as possible from each country would both stimulate national efforts, give a big impetus to youth teaching in general in those countries, and train one of their youth in group teaching. My findings were communicated to the Counsellors in several letters copies of which I shall try to send you if I can find a copy machine in one of these countries...

At the same time Mr. Mumtazi wrote a letter to the Hands in the Holy Land requesting guidance on the organization of such a group. The House communicated back, so I was told, recommending that the NSA of NE Asia (Japan) take the initiative, if they were interested, and that the team could then be shared with other NSAs. From what I have heard the NSA did not feel ready; very likely they could not find a Japanese youth to participate, which would have made them understandably hesitant to sponsor a group. The resources are so few in East Asia at this point that a truly international undertaking would be required, and it seems the organizational initiative is lacking. I don't know if there is anything that can be done, comparable to the Counsellors of Europe sponsoring Fiona Dunn to travel about organizing singing groups in Europe, or to stimulate NSAs in this direction.

While in Malaysia I discussed this whole idea with the Baha'is, especially the very musical and active community of Penang and their neighbors. Malaysia has tremendous resources of youth and talent. Evidently, according to Mrs. Sundram, the NSA has decided to try to form a national performing group, but they felt the need of a good organizer from outside. Without funds I don't know if that has gotten off the ground.

Anyway, there is lots of potential in this type of youth team

and it would be wonderful if it can be developed in the East as well as further developed in the West (esp. Latin America).

In Africa the organizational problems for a group would be severe, requiring a strong car (Land Rover or Peugeot 404), hardy dedicated souls, and Africans with leadership ability. Of course, the impact would be tremendous of such a group. It would be like a fresh breeze in many places where the Baha'is struggle with difficult problems, and I would think huge crowds could be gathered, like in Latin America. But good advance work with government authorities would be essential since the situation is so delicate and sensitive everywhere in Africa.

Well, I hope the tape is of some use to you, and please let me know if there is any other way I can be of service. My address for the time being is

c/o Keith G. Dahl  
P.O. Box 3713  
Carmel, Calif. 93921 USA

My best wishes and prayers go with you in your expanded work.

With warm Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

16 July 1973  
Accra, Ghana

N.S.A. of West Africa

Dear Baha'i Friends:

Since sending you a cable this morning about my revised travel plans through your area, I have been to the Sierra Leone Embassy and find that they require three days for issuance of a visa. Since I will not be here that long it seems impossible to go to Sierra Leone the one day I had planned, unless a visa can be obtained during my stay in Monrovia.

For these reasons I will plan to stay in Monrovia for three days departing there the 24th on WT 963, assuming space is available on that flight (I shall be checking that later this-afternoon).

I am also lacking a visa to The Gambia and there is no representation here. If I am unable to get it in Abidjan I shall ~~xx~~ plan to try Monday during my stay in Monrovia.

Looking forward to being with you in a few days.

With warm Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

25 July 1973  
Banjur (Bathurst), The Gambia

Dear Margaret,

Allah-u-Abha!

Many thanks for your lovely note, which the Jalalis sent to my brother in California (who handles my mail) and which was thence forwarded to me in Ghana. So good to hear from you.

My trip still continues but will be ending in about a month, after a short visit to some Eastern European countries.

Africa is a remarkable continent. Great variety, and vast challenges for the Faith. In many countries the Faith is still very young and there is much work to be done. Meanwhile the doors are ~~being~~ rapidly closing for outsiders, and we shall have to await the day when God will sweep away all these obstacles and petty ~~and~~ suspicions.

Toni Mantel writes me from Taiwan that they have some new pioneers there, and the Faith is making progress. She is awaiting instructions from the Counsellors concerning her next post. Did you know her in the Philippines?

The friends here are getting ready to go into F town so I must close. Hope this finds you well and happy and the Faith making great progress there. How was your conference (the one that was coming up when I was there)?

Warmest Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

25 July 1973  
Banjur (Bathurst), The Gambia

Dear Anne and Fereydoun,      Allah-u-Abha!

Thank you so much for your letter of just one month ago, which reached me in Ghana. I had heard here that Bill Maxwell now has a post at State in Raleigh. Is that so? It will certainly be a big boost ~~to~~ to the Faith in North Carolina. Does he plan to return to Africa before long?

I was very happy to meet your mother, Fereydoun, in Nairobi. What an unexpected and happy surprise! Perhaps she has written you, or is she even there by now? If so give her my greetings. Now I understand better where some of your sterling qualities originated.

Africa is a fascinating, complicated field of Baha'i endeavor. The Faith has many difficulties here, both within and without, and this year a great many of the pioneers have returned home or are leaving shortly (which in many cases is good, actually, both for them and the country). Increasingly it is getting difficult for pioneers to get permission to stay in these countries, and the air of suspicion of outsiders and nationalism is growing. Meanwhile the Baha'i communities are young, and although the potential for growth is great and the receptivity high, there is a long way to go before the Faith is really solidly established in many countries. It is a period of very rapid development here and of course a very critical period for the future of the Faith and thus of the continent. There are still places here where the old-fashioned type of pioneer is needed: people who can go to a place filled with physical hardship and carve their place among a sometimes hostile people, making friends and building a foundation for the Faith. But of course most posts now have National Assemblies which need strengthening and tactful, wise, dedicated and talented pioneers are needed.

Perhaps I'll have a chance to see you all (God willing) when I get back to the States in Sept., and can show some slides, etc. Really it's tremendously exciting to see the breadth and scope of what the Faith is doing around the world.

I trust this finds you both well and happy and finding many ways to be of service. If you are in touch with Charles and Sandi please send my love and greetings.

Your Baha'i brother,

CONTINENTAL PIONEER COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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25th July 1973

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My Dear Gregory,

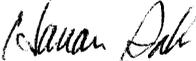
I am acknowledging receipt of your report dated 14th July 1973, which was posted in London, about your visit to Zaire, Equatorial Guinea, Togo, Dahomey and the Cameroon Republic.

We are truly grateful to you for sharing with us all your experiences and assure you always of our prayers for your sustenance, on the next leg of your journey, and for your confirmation and the confirmation of all your efforts in the service of our beloved faith.

We have also received on your behalf a copy of the report on your visit to Kenya and Tanzania and were delighted with it.

You were supposed to give me a copy of your ammended itinery but so far you have not done so and I was not therefore able to confirm times of arrival etc to the National Assemblies concerned. I do hope however, that you will be having a wonderful and successful time wherever you may go. We send you our deepest love and sincere Baha'i best wishes.

Yours Ever  
In His Service

  
Hassan Sabri  
Secretary

11 Porter St.  
Somerville, Mass. 02143 USA  
5 September 1973

The Universal House of Justice

Dear Baha'i Friends:

Enclosed you will find the last of my reports on the teaching trip I have just completed.

Also enclosed, in case it should be of interest to you, is a copy of an article on the Baha'is of Burma which I wrote originally for Baha'i News. The U.S. International Goals Committee, based partly on my own reservations, decided not to pass the article on to the News.

Yours, in service,

Gregory C. Dahl

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5 September 1973

Continental Pioneer Committee  
for Africa  
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Woodstock Road  
Oxford, England

Dear Hassan:

Enclosed you will find my most recent report on the last leg of my journey in Africa, along with a belated copy of the report on the South Africa segment. (The latter I had made too few carbons of inadvertently and I can't remember now whether I ever had it duplicated later for you or not.) Hope these are of some value to you.

I checked my records here and found that I did indeed send you a copy of my final itinerary, from Haifa, I suppose to the Kenya address. Sorry it didn't reach you there. Perhaps you will find it when you return.

Your letter to me of 25th July was forwarded from California to Gambia (I think) and then back again, and I just received it here. Ah, well! Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge receipt of my earlier reports.

The time spent with you, Isobel and Marion in Oxford was truly a delight and will be long remembered. I hope you all are continuing well, and that things work out better than expected for your return to East Africa.

With warm Baha'i greetings,

Gregory C. Dahl

P.S. My mother sends her warmest love to you all. (And my father too, I'm sure, if he were here at the moment.) Everyone is quite well and happy. You can tell Isobel, too, that my father has written and she should have received his letter long since.