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Dear Mother.

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Yesterday was Sunday, when we came in for lunch our Carpenter was making some new measurements so I complemented him in my best Arabic on the way he had fitted up my room, he beamed all over his face. & fumbled in the innermost recesses of his garments & produced a very small loaf of bread which I had to accept & eat. he is a Copt. & this was the sacremental sic bread that he had brought from the church specially for me. it was quite a nice little loaf, about the size of a bun. & had a lot of little crosses stamped on it,

To-day we went to tea with the police officer at Arabah el Madfunah. he is a very young officer, rather shy & self conscious but most polite and anxious to be friendly. he gave us a very nice tea. with bread, butter, jam, cheese, biscuits, melon, & grapes. & entertained us with Arabic records on his gramophone. it was quite dark when we left, our servants were waiting for us with a lantern to light us across the sand hills. it <was> glorious to see the stars, we learnt some of the Arabic names for them from one of our guards

My mosquito boots are a source of great admiration. all the others are very envious of them. my clothes seem very suitable & comfortable.

To-day all the new things for the house that we had purchased in Cairo arrived on two camels. Oh the fuss & excitement. I took a snap of the camels with their loads & attendants & then came the fun of unpacking. all the servants their relations & friends rushed to help

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Stand

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My room is now complete & I am to sleep in it for the first time tonight, it is so cosy & pretty. I will draw you a little plan of the arrangement (stairs / to roof. - BED - window

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my table cover & curtain over the shelves are in blue & white cheque^{sic} & I have grass matts^{sic} on the floor. wash / stand – trunk. – table window shelves.)

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Bed time now.

Love to you both – also to Pat.

Myrtle.