

Arabah el Madfunah  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1932

Dear Father.

A Happy New Year to you both.

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Give my love to Pat & M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Childs & wish them a Happy New Year. also all other friends. (including M<sup>r</sup> Jaggard)

Lots of love to you & Mother  
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