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Arabah el Madfunah. [probably 1 December 1936]

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& told to pray to Allah & not to ask English ladies to interfear^{sic} in h/His business –

Our dog has got to be kept tied up now as we hear the police are putting poison about to distroy^{sic} the pariah dogs. he is not at all pleased about it, poor fellow.

Amice joinp/<s> me in lots of love to you both.

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.