

Mr.
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26 May, 1997

Dear Mr. Nolting,

Thank you for your informative letter of the 1st of May. Will you please write the story of the bell as you know it. How was it carried to Germany.

We would like to organize a special ceremony in October on the occasion of receiving the bell. Will you please tell us exactly who is being responsible to make all the official arrangements for transportation, customs, etc. up to its delivery to the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

A certificate should be prepared, stating the owner of the bell and the purpose of donating the bell to the Armenian Museum of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

We were pleased to have the opportunity to talk with your daughter Christiane and her husband Frederick. We shall expect a clearer photograph of the Armenian inscription on the bell. God willing you will succeed in making the smooth transportation of the bell to its destination.

May the Lord grant you and your loved ones good health in body and in soul.

Prayerfully

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

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Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem

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Bad Salzuflen, 13.6.97
Leopoldshöher Str. 5

Dear Sir!

In answer to your kind letter of the 26th of May I should like to give you the desired information of the bell's story.

There are - however - only little details worthy of note.

During my long-standing stay in Turkey (1964 - 1971) I bought the bell in the bazaar of Kayseri (Middle Anatolia). The shopkeeper could not say any particular items of its origin. Without difficulties I could import the bell to Germany at the removal.

As for its delivery to you my daughter Christiane makes every effort to settle the bureaucratic regulations. The Jordanian offices show no difficulties; the Jewish ones cause more inconvenience. It's a matter of time to overcome the problem.

May God be with you and your mission.

With the best wishes and kind regards

*Yours
Ernst Nolting*