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Archbishop Torkom Manougian  
 Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem  
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Your Holiness,

My visit with you was by devine appointment and I am thankful that in spite of the American Embassy telling me not to come; I did.

Truly, my trip would have been greatly compromised. How blessed I was to have so many things in my favor....your preseñce, the weather, my being alone and the spirit of the Lord..

I felt like I was being bathed in *glory* and left with a sense of divine protection. Before I knew it I was on the airplane to Venice. It gave me plenty of time to reflect on all I had experienced....which was very nearly overwhelming. Each area of the Old City exhibited the history, majesty, culture of the Armenian people. The magnificent paintings and furnishings, the sturdy building, halls and school. The cleanliness of the grounds, the order and singular purpose of the community... to preserve the Armenian spirit in every Godly way. Such a tremendous responsibility rests on your shoulders and I know that you meet every need with wisdom and great understanding. It is not an accident that you have that vast role....thrive on it and enjoy it.

Please know that I am giving the crosses you gave me to those I love, my children (3) and grandchildren (7). I have been home a month and have made two other trips so I am still getting home mentally. I will always remember the privilege it was to spend time with you and to be greeted by you and have you walk to meet me and say, "I have been expecting you." There are moments one never forgets! Such an honor.

May you be blessed with all His riches. Grace, health and peace be yours this holiday season and always.

My love,

