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TO: James Vail

FROM: Leslie Heath

Confirming my conversation with thee, Mr. Abraham Pinto phoned us last Monday saying that he was anxious to see me before my departure for Casablanca. As I was in New York Monday afternoon I stopped to see Mr. Pinto at his office, 90 Broad Street. Mr. Pinto's home is in Casablanca and he was very much interested in what we might be able to do in Morocco. He very kindly gave me a letter of introduction to the manager of his firm in Casablanca. Mr. Pinto was quite anxious that his brother, Jacques Pinto, and a friend of theirs, Mr. Johnathan Thursz, should meet me and discuss the Moroccan project further.

All three gentlemen accordingly came to Philadelphia Wednesday evening and took dinner with Mrs. Heath and myself. They gave me much additional information about Morocco and particularly the names of good people to see. Mr. Thursz has, in addition to this information, sent me letters of introduction to a gentleman connected with the principal newspapers in Casablanca, and also to an influential official in Rabat.

All three gentlemen were anxious to have a further discussion with you saying that they would like to form a small group to assist the Moroccan project from this end. They were sure additional money could be raised to purchase clothing and supplies if ways and means can be found for getting such shipments into Casablanca. They would appreciate it very much if thee would write Mr. Abraham Pinto setting a date which would be convenient for thee to see them in Philadelphia. I strongly recommend that thee discuss the Moroccan project with them as I am sure they are most generous and will be of great help in every way. The Messrs. Pinto assured me that I could count on their firm's help and advice upon my arrival in Casablanca.

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