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United States Consulate
Jerusalem,Syria,April 27,1904.

Hon.Francis B.Loomis
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington,D.C.

Sir.

Allow me to ask the opinion and,if thought best, the instructions of the Department in the following matter:-

Mr Herbert E.Clark our Vc Consul works in connection with his brother Frank C.Clark,Tourist agent at III Broadway,New York. In all advertisments connected with their business in this part of the world Mr Herbert Clark's name is extensively used. It is a drawing card in their business.Occasionally this matter has been noticed and complaint made.We have no serious written complaint which can be forwarded and I trust we shall not have. If the Department is indifferent to this matter I should like to be assured of the fact.If it is not a proper thing to do and the Department will instruct me definitely how to act,I will communicate the instructions to Mr Clark.If the ground of complaint is to be removed entirely Mr Clark's name must not be mentioned in any way in connection with his business.

In the printed list of passengers by the Groser Kurfuerst which has just left for Egypt the notice in large letters on the first page is as follows:-"Manager in the Orient,Mr Herbert E.Clark,United States Consul for Palestine,who accompanies the Cruise from New York".-This or practically this occurrs three times on three different pages.

I remain respectfully
Your obedient servant

U.S.Consul.