

مذكرة من السفارة البريطانية تطلب فيها مد اقامة الكوماندر هوى - F . D . Howie -
في ١٩٥٣/٨/١٢

محمود فوزى
وزير الخارجية

C O P Y .

BRITISH EMBASSY,
CAIRO.

August 12, 1953.

(1624/9/53)

My dear Minister,

I am writing to ask for your help in clearing up certain difficulties which have arisen concerning the issue of a new residence visa to Commander F.D. Howie, Royal Navy, the British Naval Liaison Officer in Port Said.

2. Commander Howie had a residence visa valid to the 2nd of April, 1953. On the 10th of January, 1953, he applied for and obtained an exit visa and left Egypt on the following day on a routine tour in the course of his normal duties. Unfortunately, he failed to obtain an entry visa for his return to Egypt towards the end of February, not realising that this was required since he already had a residence visa permitting him to stay in Egypt until the following April. Being refused permission to land in the normal way, owing to his visa not being in order, he was obliged to his great regret to proceed by other means to Navy House, where he was urgently required to deal with Admiralty instructions.

3. This was undoubtedly wrong on his part and, quickly realising that, in spite of his position as a member of the British forces this was a most regrettable breach of the Egyptian regulations, Commander Howie asked Her Majesty's Consul, Port Said, to express his personal apologies to the Egyptian authorities and to intervene on his behalf to regularise his position, if possible. Before the end of that month, a member of the Consular staff approached the Port Police (Control of Passports) and the Assistant Director of Passports and Nationality accordingly, while Her Majesty's Consul himself spoke to His Excellency the Governor on Commander Howie's behalf. All replied that they were unable to help, as the matter had had to be referred to Cairo.

4. I understand that Commander Howie has now been informed that, as his present residence in Egypt is illegal, he will have to leave the country. The enforcement of this decision would be of considerable inconvenience to me, since, as you will appreciate, Commander Howie acts as the channel of communication between Her Majesty's Government and the British ships visiting Port Said.

5. I should like to express to Your Excellency my formal regrets that Commander Howie should have contravened Egyptian regulations. He is, I can assure you, very fully aware of the nature of his error and would, I am convinced, be scrupulous in his observance of the regulations in future. I am sure, too, that the Governor of Port Said would speak well of his work in the port and of his relations with the Egyptian authorities with whom that work brings him into contact.

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His Excellency
Dr. Mahmoud Fawzy,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
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6. In the circumstances, and in the interests of our good relations, I should be grateful if the Egyptian Government could see its way to agree to exercise its discretion in Commander Howie's favour and to regularise his position in Port Said by granting him the new residence visa for which application has been made by Her Majesty's Embassy to the Passports Department in Cairo.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

(R. M. A. Hankey)

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