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My dear Prof. Goldzier,

As you know from the daily papers, the Americans are now head over heels in the Philippine business. Very few of us here appreciate, I am sure, the great difficulties which stare us in the face. One of those difficulties of course, is connected with the Mohammedan population of those Islands. We know very little about them, and very little about their laws and customs. I have been looking into the matter and can find much less than I hoped to find on the subject, so I turn to you, and I should feel much obliged to you if you could indicate to me some books out of which I could get an

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idea of the present status of Mohammedanism in the Sulu Islands, and of the form of Mohammedan law which is in vogue there. I suppose it is the same as that which is in vogue in the Dutch East Indies but I am not certain. Excuse my troubling you in this matter, but I do not know to whom to turn.

Mrs. Gottheil joins me in sending you most cordial greetings. Believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,

*Richard Gottheil*