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Dear Mr. Goldziker

I hope that this note will arrive on the 22nd in order to add a personal note of congratulation for the day on which you celebrate your sixtieth birthday - "Sixty years young", as our Wendell Holmes said once. Your many friends and admirers all over the world will join in the wish that you be spared for very many years to come, in order that they

may enjoy your company and profit of your
enlightenment. I need not say that both
Mr. G. Whist and M^r. Léon make me the
mouthpiece of their congratulations.

We spent a very busy eight months in
Turkey - six of which were spent in Jerusalem
itself. I was twice in Egypt for a short while.
It may interest you to know that I have cata-
logued three Arabic libraries there; but, I
am afraid that there is not much that is new
to be found there. I am of opinion that most
of the things that interest us have found their

way into European and American libraries, but
we are thinking very earnestly about taking up the
publication of the Arabic History of Damascus.
I went to Damascus to look at the copy there.

There is a complete copy in Cairo; and there are
four complete copies in Constantinople. Cartier,
whom I saw in Rome, had the idea of preparing
an edition; but has desisted from doing so. He
admits very strongly the omission of the long and
treasure islands and a choice of the most sali-
ent portions. I feel an abhorrence for that style
of editing and publishing an old text. What seems

unimportant to one Scholar may be very important to another. I feel almost certain that you will agree with me in this.

Please to give our very cordial greetings to
Mrs Goldziker,

and Believe me to be,

Ever faithfully yours
Richard Gottlieb.