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My dear Professor.

I was very sorry to hear that you feel obliged to give up the office of editor of the Encyclopaedia of Islam. This is indeed a most serious loss to the undertaking.

You were so kind as to say that the list I proposed of the articles on India, was "tadellos gut", but I am afraid that is far from

deserving such praise: I intended it to be provisional only and hope to be able to improve ^{it} very considerably as soon as I am better informed of the exact scope and character of the proposed Encyclopaedia. If only I could see the lists that have been drawn up for Africa and Turkey, I could model my own list on them.

The printing of the Arabic text on the *al-Jiz* has been begun and will (I hope) be completed in a few weeks, — when I hope to have the honour of sending you a copy.

I have got hold of a M.S. of *ابو الحسن علي بن اسمعيل الاشتهري مقالات الاسلاميات* by *ابو الحسن علي بن اسمعيل الاشتهري*. Do you not think that it deserves to be published? Will you be so kind as to inform me whether you know of any copies of this work in any of the libraries of Europe. I am loth to trouble you about such a matter, but unfortunately I have no means of finding out for myself here.

You will have noticed my change of address from Aligarh to Lahore. It is a great pleasure and privilege here for me to have

the companionship of Dr. Stein,
who (I believe) is a friend and
compatriot of yours.

I hope to be able to attend
the next Congress of Orientalists
in Rome, if I can obtain leave of
absence from the Government of the
Panjab. ~~I do~~ I think I should be
better able to obtain this leave, if
you were to write to me saying that
it would be advisable for me to
attend the Congress in connection
with the work for the Encyclopaedia
of Islam.

Yours very sincerely
T. W. Arnold.