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My Lord,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No. 616 of the 16th November, regarding the case of Abraham Nicola Elrahy, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that His Majesty's Consul General at Beyrout explains that his action in calling attention to this case was founded upon the instructions contained in the Foreign Office circular despatch of the 4th October 1921, a copy of which was enclosed in my predecessor's despatch Dominions No. 443 of the 31st October 1921. It is understood from your despatch No. 707 of the 30th November 1921 that your Ministers wish to receive such reports upon holders of Certificates of local naturalization issued in Canada and His Majesty's Consular Officers were so informed in the further circular despatch of which a copy was enclosed in Mr. Churchill's despatch Dominions No. 193 of the 14th June 1922. I presume it is desired that such reports should continue to be made.

2. As regards the case of Elrahy the Consul-General states that he does not feel that it is possible for him to supply any further information than that already reported. He observes that Syrians and Lebanese are much given to wandering and many of them take the opportunity of acquiring foreign

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