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My dear Dr. Sonnemans

I hope and pray that my letter finds you well as I myself, thank God, am doing fine.

I did receive the publications you sent me concerning the installation of the New Cross over the small Dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and would like to thank you for them. Definitely I feel greatly indebted to you as well as to all the Christians of Germany who were so generous as to spend for the construction and the installation of this magnificent Cross over the most Holy Church of the whole Christian World.

The Cross is very beautiful and makes a great impression day and night to every one that sees it. It definitely is a very strong reminder to all the residents and the visitors of Jerusalem that Christianity is prominent here and the Christians are not afraid to spend everything needed when it

comes to their faith. May God keep you well and guide you to even greater acts of faith.

I am sorry though to mention to you that our Patriarch, in a news paper that he publishes for propaganda on his behalf does not mention your generosity but instead did write that it was he himself that constructed and paid for the Cross and its installation. (Please enclosed find a copy of that publication, in Greek). I did myself write a letter to let everyone know what is the truth about the whole matter.

Hopping to see you soon again and with my best wishes for the rest of the Holy Lent I remain

With Love in Christ Zishop Niniph