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Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 5. 1890.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 69, dated the 11th ultimo, in which you inform me that my action in the matter of the arrest and ill-treatment of Messrs Angel and Kaufstroom by the local authorities at Jerusalem is approved by the department.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant

Consul.

No. 160

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 5. 1890.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the official ceremonies connected with the commencement of the work on the railroad from Jaffa to Jerusalem took place near Jaffa, on March 31, 1890, in presence of His Excellency Seckad Pacha, Governor of the Pachalic of

Jerusalem, and other officials.

The second installment of the amount required to construct the road has been received here from Paris, and is now in the hands of the Messrs Fruhgen & Co., Bankers in this city.

As already reported the company have been given three years in which to complete the work. It is hoped, however, that the railroad will be in working order within two years from the date of commencement.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant

Consul.

No. 161

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 7. 1890.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that one dozen (1 doz.) copies of blank form No. 113, being the Certificate as to absence, to accompany form No. 112, may be sent to this office at your earliest convenience.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant

Consul.