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No. 111

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem July 26th 1881

Hon: Robert R. Hitt
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that the sad news of the attempted assassination of the President was received at Jerusalem July the 12th, through an Egyptian Arabic paper — Expressions of sympathy have been received at the Consulate from all classes of people from Raouf Pacha Governor of Palestine, from the local Authorities, from the resident Consuls, from the Patriarchates and Heads of the religious communities from the European residents, and from the American Citizens —

It is felt, universally, that the death of General Garfield, at the present juncture, and in such a manner, would be a calamity, not to the United States only, but to the world.

Through the same paper I have news to the 17th of July, stating that the President's health was steadily improving, and that hopes were entertained, of his speedy and entire recovery —

Today I am in receipt of a telegram from Consul General Heap of Constantinople, dated July 26th, with news to July 24th, through Minister Lowell of London, stating that the President was taken with chills and fever on Sunday, but that he was again better — and adds quoting from Secretary Blaine's telegram "we are anxious but hopeful"

"Later telegrams more favorable".

This is not quite reassuring, it seems to show that the crisis, had not been passed that the danger was still imminent. Still, time is in the President's favor, and his good constitution may triumph —

Anxious but hopeful —

I have the honor &c
W. Wilson
Consul

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U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem August 24th 1881

Hon Robert R. Hitt
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of fifteen Pamphlets Nos 5, 6 and 7, dated March, April, and May of 1881, also two Pamphlets on the result of investigation of the American Port —

And your despatch No 57, under date July 19th 1881 —

I have the honor &c &c
Wilson
Consul

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U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Sept. 14th 1881

Hon. R. R. Hitt
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two Circulars, under date June 20th and July 25th, also Revised Consular Regulation, of 1881, and ten pamphlets, Commercial reports, No 4, of July 1881

I have also to report that daily inquiries are made at the Consulate in regard to the health of the President, which I have been able to answer, through the various telegrams sent to me by Hon. Mr Heap, Consul Genl at Constantinople, latest, giving report of his condition to Sept. 12th 1881 —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Wilson
Consul