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Hagop Asadourian Rug Co. Inc.  
276 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10001

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm that at your request I was at your salesroom and examined one hand made Serebend type rug measuring 4.11 x 3.5.

This rug was made by the Armenian orphans after the First World War in Ghazir (Syria) in appreciation for the American Missionaries having brought them from the Syrian Desert to Syria and opening an orphanage for them.

There is an original label sewn on the back of the rug reading

"Made by the Armenian girls in Ghazir (Syria)  
orphanage of the Near East Relief".

This rug is an exact copy of a rare Persian Serebend rug - it has a blue background with palm leaf motifs and has a definite historical value.

I would appraise its value at

\$2,000.00

Yours very truly,

  
Shahab D. Zanazanian

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