

October 31, 1983

Mr. Harry N. Bolson  
2200 North Central Road  
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Dear Mr. Bolson:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your recent donation to the Diocesan Museum project.

Your generous donation consists of one extraordinary rug described herein as follows:

Rare saffron field Montashem Kashan rug, mid 19th century, size 6'3" x 4'4"; the gold field with split Arabesques within a rose border - valued at \$25,000.00.

This rug shall greatly enhance our collection of antique objects to be displayed.

We are grateful for your continued interest in our Museum.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stoneson  
Executive Director

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January 19, 1984

Ms. Anoush Papelian  
Heritage Collection Committee  
St. John's Armenian Church  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Ms. Papelian:

We received your correspondence dated December 21, 1983 regarding the Armenian Heritage Collection.

Your proposal was read and discussed with members of the Strawberry Festival Committee and it was recommended that presentation of such an outstanding exhibit would become more effective if given at a future date rather than during this year.

We thank you for your response to our inquiry and shall contact your Committee in the future.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stoneson  
Director of Finance

FAS:mb

September 30, 1985

Mrs. Annig Agemian-Raley  
1211 Bennett Avenue  
Glenwood Springs, CO

Dear Mrs. Agemian-Raley:

I am pleased to advise you that your father's painting was delivered here safely and in good condition.

We should now proceed with arrangements to have it appraised so that we can officially send you a receipt. Dr. Paul Bedoukian will be considered as an appraiser, as you have suggested.

Many thanks for donating this invaluable painting to the Diocesan Museum. It will be one of our proud possessions.

With best regards,

Michael M. Kermian  
Director

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December 6, 1985

Mr. Manuel Jamian  
1018 N.E. 17th Terrace  
Ocala, FL 32670

Dear Mr. Jamian:

We wish to express our belated thanks for your donation to the Diocesan Museum an antique dagger which was given to us during our last visit to Ocala.

You will be pleased to know that this dagger has already been placed in our museum and will be treasured as one of our most valuable items.

Again, many thanks for your generosity and may the Lord bless you and your loved ones always with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

January 18, 1991

Mr. Barteu Der Bagdasarian  
370 South Main Street  
Holden, Massachusetts 01520

Dear Mr. Bagdasarian:

Thank you for your letter of December 4 concerning artifacts donated to the Cathedral Museum. I apologize for the delay in a reply; I have been travelling extensively these past weeks and only recently returned from Armenia.

The wonderful gifts you made to St. Vartan Cathedral a few years ago are indeed still in the Museum. Apparently, the then-Primate, Patriarch Torkom Manougian, had contacted Ellis Island Museum as per your request and was informed that it was not an appropriate time for such a loan and that they would be in touch. Having heard nothing further, the matter was not pursued.

We will be happy to reopen the matter with the Museum; kindly be in touch with us as to how we should proceed.

God bless you and grace you and your loved ones with every miracle of the new year and may he lead us all to peace in His service.

With prayers,

Bishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate

December 4, 1990

Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Ave.  
New York, NY

Your Grace Bishop Khajag

In view of the unsettled conditions at the Diocese when arrangements were made with His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian in 1989, confirmation understandably has been delayed.

We would like to determine now if a portion of the artifacts donated to the Cathedral Museum in the name of the Der Bagdasarian Family have been loaned to the Ellis Island Museum. This was to be for a period of ten years after which they would return them to the Cathedral.

Should you find it necessary, correspondence on the subject from the Diocese are dated Feb. 26, March 16, 1988 and Jan. 23, 1989.

Sincere thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Your devoted servant



Bartev Der Bagdasarian

370 South Main St.  
Holden, MA 01520

March 16, 1988

Mr. Bartevo Bagdasarian  
370 South Main Street  
Holden, MA 01520

Dear Bartevo:

We extend our gratitude to you for choosing to make family artifacts a permanent part of the St. Vartan Cathedral Museum. We have received them and as requested, will make them available for use by the Ellis Island Project; your letter can indeed serve as a formal declaration of purpose for the objects.

God bless you and may His Spirit guide and nurture His Church and His devoted faithful.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

MARCH 1, 1988

Your Eminence  
Archbishop Torikorn Manougian

Letter of Feb 26, 1988 is gratefully  
acknowledged with much appreciation  
for your thoughts and consideration.  
I agree most heartily with your counsel  
to give the artifacts to our St Vartan  
Cathedral Museum.

Accordingly a shipment of the ten  
Goblets, 2 piece Cruet set and Brass  
Dipper will be made by insured,  
parcel post to your attention at the  
Diocese.

As indicated in previous correspondence  
this donation from myself and  
Virginia is to be in memory of my  
parents Setrak & Agnès Ser Bygdasenia  
at your discretion and in appropriate  
manner the articles or a portion  
may be loaned to the Ellis Island  
Project. Please contact the New York





address and person mentioned in original letter.

With further regard to the gift for the Museum is there a need for formal or legal "declaration of purpose" other than this letter? Every effort was made to pack the shipment against damage in transit and the carton should be unpacked carefully. A list of contents is enclosed in the package.

It will be a pleasure to hear from you if I can be of additional service in this matter.

Sincerely  
Barter Lee Byrdson

370 S. Main St.  
Holden Ma. 01520

February 26, 1988

Mr. Barteve Der Bagdasarian  
370 South Main Street  
Holden, MA 01520

Dear Barteve:

We were very touched by your recent letter (undated, however, mailed on February 18), concerning family artifacts. We agree with you that such objects, survivors of a time and place so important to Armenians, should be part of a permanent Armenian collection. We suggest that they be given to the St. Vartan Cathedral Museum to be part of its permanent display. The Cathedral Museum can then loan them to the Ellis Island project for a period, after which they would have to be returned to the Cathedral.

In this way, both the Armenian people and the world can enjoy all that these items convey in the way of ethnic history.

We look forward to your reply. God bless you and your loved ones and may His Spirit dwell in you always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

The Most Rev. Abp. Terkum Manougian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
New York, N.Y.

Attention of: Mr. Tmbart Kypelian, Adm. Asst.

Your Eminence:

It has come to my attention that the United States Parks Dept. is establishing a museum at Ellis Island. Purpose is to display artifacts, etc. brought to this country by immigrants. The contractor for the Project (Meta Form Inc. 15 E. 26th St. New York 10010 / Contact Silvia Kover 532-8580) is soliciting articles suitable for display. My parents arriving here in 1913 brought household goods from Istanbul. Surviving are a 10 piece set of crystal, engraved goblets, a glass casket set with decorative finials and a brass vessel.

The Project people have expressed a desire to display these goods over a ten year period. With the insecurities of life and my advanced age, I conceive future problems in the return of the loaned items.

My question, would it be appropriate for me to designate the Trocadero Museum

As recipient of the articles, after ten years,  
in the name of my parents M/M Setrak  
and Azniv Ter Bagdasarian as permanent  
acquisition by the Museum?

I believe the intrinsic value, considering  
the time of importation, travel problems and  
difficulties experienced by new comers to this  
country, probably exceeds the monetary cost  
of the objects. I feel these articles may be  
of interest in perpetuity. However, I would  
bow to opinion about the appropriateness  
of their ~~value~~<sup>display at</sup> the Iranian Museum.

Your valued consideration and response  
with suitable authorization will enable  
me to carry-out the expressed desires.

Most sincerely  
Bartek Ter Bagdasarian

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Holden, Ma. 01520