

January 16, 1981

Mr. E.H. Davidian  
6885 Chippewa Avenue, N.W.  
North Canton, Ohio 44720

Dear Mr. Davidian:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry of December 31, 1980. Let me first say how pleased I am to hear that your small community is striving to maintain its national identity, something which is difficult to do in this country.

Regarding the renting of films I'd advise you to contact the following:

AVCOM MOTION PICTURES  
c/o Mr. Gary Rosemar  
1697 Broadway  
New York, New York  
Telephone: (212) 581-7455

Mr. Peter Bittisian  
435 W. 57th Street  
New York, New York  
Telephone: 247-4777

They would be in a much better position than I regarding the possibility of renting films on Armenian Subjects.

While Miss Sylva der Stepanian has made several trips to certain Armenian communities offering Armenian language seminars, I personally talked to her and she said that it would be difficult at this time for her to travel to Ohio. However when she resumes her visitations her itinerary in this regard should become much clearer. Perhaps, in the interim, you should contact the Armenian Churches in your area, such as the:

St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
666 Richmond Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143  
Pastor: The Reverend Father Diran Papazian  
Telephone: (216) 381-6590

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We have added you to the BEMA mailing list and thus you should be receiving it on a regular basis. Unfortunately, a national Armenian Cultural Society does not exist, and thus, the planning and running of your groups is mainly up to your community. However, through BEMA you will see what other communities are doing and perhaps it will serve as some sort of guide. Also major Armenian organization such as NAASR (National Association of Armenian Studies and Research) and the AGBU should be able to offer some assistance and guidance as well. Books and printed materials are available from them as well as from the Diocese.

I hope that I've been able to least offer you some assistance in your pursuit and please feel free to contact me again whenever you feel the need to.

Sincerely yours,

Hrant Gadarigian  
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