

M E M O R A N D U M

To: The Universal House of Justice
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 From: Research Department

Tablet to Amír Khán and Related Questions

The Research Department received a copy of Mr. Phillip Tussing's email letter dated 25 May 2007 and studied the matters that he has raised in his message. The following is our response to his questions:

1. The text of the Tablet is correct. In response to his request, the facsimile of the original Persian text is attached. The Research Department is not aware of whether a copy of the Tablet also exists in the handwriting of Mírzá 'Alí Akbar Mílání.
2. As indicated in the attached facsimile, the Tablet was revealed in honor of a certain Amír Khán, about whom we have no information. Therefore, we can not verify the biographical information provided by Dr. Iraj Ayman and quoted in Mr. Tussing's email. The Archives Office at the Bahá'í World Centre so far has no evidence regarding the questions that Amír Khán submitted to the Master.
- 3.a. The Research Department is not aware of any other Tablets, textually similar to that of Amír Khán, in which the question of the "Call of God" being raised in North America is discussed.
- b. The terms "Call of God" and "America", of course, appear in a number of Tablets of the Master in various other contexts unrelated to the text of the Tablet to Amír Khán. As Mr. Tussing has indicated in his letter, the term "Call of God" in the Bahá'í texts relates to God's voice and His summons, messages and teachings.
- c. The literal meaning of the Persian term "*farámúsh shudih ast*" is "forgotten", as it appears in the English translation of the Tablet. The Research Department is not in a position to interpret the term beyond its literal meaning.
4. The Master's likening of the indigenous Americans to the pre-Islamic Arabs, which is described in His *Tablets of the Divine Plan*, is not noticed in His other works.

Attachment
