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The Ambassador

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Dear Rabbi Shimon Haj Allouf,

With regards to your letter dated March 22, 2000 to his Excellency President Hosni Mubarak, requesting the transfer of Jewish artifacts in Egypt to an academic institute in New York, I would like to inform you that some of these artifacts are in the possession of the Jewish Temples in Egypt while the remaining are in the possession of the Egyptian Jewish Community.

Furthermore, the most import of these artifacts have already been registered with the Egyptian Antiquities Authority and are subject to the Egyptian Laws protecting our national heritage and cannot be sent abroad.

Best regards.

Sincerely

Nabil Fahmy