

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BETHLEHEM

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THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

P.O.B. 48
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Our ref.

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Bethlehem, June 1st, 1964

By the end of 1963, the Custodian of Terra Sancta, carried out some excavations and renovations at the St. Jerome Cave, which is adjoining the Cave of Nativity, the birth place of Christ in Bethlehem, and which belongs to the same rocky mass.

During February 1964, Mr. Stanley S. Slotkin was on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land, and his visit to the Basilica of Nativity at Bethlehem, coincided with the time when the actual digging was taking place. A quantity of rocks was being removed from this site, drawing the attention of Mr. Slotkin, and he thought if he could acquire some of these stones, he would undertake to distribute them to museums and churches in the United States of America, with the conviction that these stones will create interest in all faiths.

Mr. Slotkin's wish was fulfilled, and the stones were shipped directly from the town of Bethlehem, with a copy of this declaration.

In testimony thereon, I have duly stamped and signed this affidavit.



(SGD) Elias B. Bandak

MAYOR OF BETHLEHEM

