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First of all we would like to send you both our congratulations with your wedding on the 1<sup>st</sup> September and of course all our best wishes for your future life together.

We thank you also very much for sending us an invitation for the wedding. We appreciate this very much although we had to send our regrets. Hopefully we shall be able to meet again on a future date, when you can tell us everything about the event.

Of course we were very tempted to go to Washington DC to participate in this ceremony, which surely will be something very remarkable. However work and some other engagements did not make it possible. It would have been exciting to meet Imad again and especially to make the acquaintance of Wafa.

Instead we searched some of our cardboard boxes, which we still have not unpacked since our American adventure in 1997/98. We wanted to find something special for you. We did find something unique, which you will definitely not see on many other walls around: An original Christmas Plate in limited edition from the Danish Royal Copenhagen Porcelain Manufactory from the year 1972.

The motif however is not unfamiliar to you, as it shows three Bedouins in the desert. The reason why this theme has been chosen for a Christmas Plate is probably the legend about Jesus' birth in Bethlehem in Palestine. A bright star appeared on the sky and three wise men went out on their camels to see what had happened.

We believe that we shall one day in the not too distant future have the pleasure to meet you both. If you have the chance to include Denmark in your trip to Jordan/Lebanon, we would of course be delighted.

So for now we wish you a happy wedding and life together.