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Dear Dr. Mansour and Claire:

My beloved in Jesus, Antoine and Claire, what a joy I felt when together with my first cousin, Mrs. Christina Rotunno Ruffalo, had a spiritual pleasure to talk with Antoine for a long time, regarding especially what is happening to our beloved Myrna. I am looking forward to listening to the faith of Claire, who had to leave us and accompany Mr. John Bird to the airport, a person who could spread the message of the Gospel through Our Lady of Unity at Soufanieh.

When in Syria, a person with religious high authority advised me by saying, "*Be careful your excellency, this could be the devil.*" I answered this very high spiritual man, "*I thank you for your advice, be certain that I am not approving the phenomena of Myrna, I am only trying to get the facts and report them to the Holy Father, and we have to wait with patience and understanding, the final decision and judgement of the Church*."

I had personally experienced, twice, the phenomena of the oil:

1- When we were in the Chapel of the de Foucauld sisters in Damascus, we were three of us: an Italian sister, myself, and Myrna, kneeling in prayer and reciting the rosary. Although I did not ask for a sign, Myrna suddenly asked the Italian nun to bring an image of Our Lady and in a split second, after Myrna pressed on the image, it was covered with oil, and she handed it to me and said, "For you, your excellency."

2- When we were in the Chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature in Syria, I had another experience with the oil, which I asked my secretary to document it in Italian and sign it. It is completely true what you have published in relation to this document in your book "Our Lady of Soufanieh."

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