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His Most Gracious Majesty,
Sultan Al Amir Mohamed Farid Didi

M a l e (Maldiv Islands)

May it please Your Majesty,

Excuse me for taking the liberty to write to you in a private matter, but I have already unsuccessfully written many times to several offices in your country.

As a philatelist I am especially interested in stamps of your country but up to this day I did not succeed in building up a collection. Here in Germany only few persons know something about the stamps of your country, and their knowledge is not extensive.

Perhaps it is possible to you to tell me the adress of a stamp-collector who wants to exchange stamps with me. Above all I should very like to take up a correspondence with him in order to learn all interesting things about your beautiful country, for it is difficult to get some literature about the Maldiv Islands in Germany.

It is my belief that personal contacts with persons abroad will help to promote understanding and friendship between the peoples of the earth.

I should be much obliged to you if you would kindly help me find a partner.

In advance I thank you very much for your kind assistance.

I remain, Sir, with the greatest respect,
Your Majesty's most obedient servant

Karl-Heinz Michel