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Your Highness:

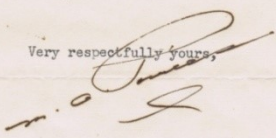
Having just finished reading the informative but much too brief article "The Marvelous Maldive Islands" in the June 1957 issue of the National Geographic Magazine, this letter is being written in the hope that I may impose upon you to put me in touch with someone who may be in a position to obtain for me some of the current coins of your country for my numismatic collection. I am particularly anxious to obtain the following specimens: 4 Lari, 1902; 1 Lari, 1902; 1/2 and 1/4 Lari of 1901; and one (1) specimen each of any and all subsequent issues. These are desired in choice uncirculated or mint condition. Any and all expenses incurred will be promptly remitted upon presentation of the statement.

Having more than a passing interest in the history of the Maldive Islands, I am also desirous in obtaining some authoritative historical book regarding Your Majesty's Government. In this respect, perchance you will permit me to request an autographed photograph.

Enclosed is a reprint from Tide Magazine which it is hoped will serve to establish my numismatic identity in part. I hold a Fellowship in the American Numismatic Society, and Life Memberships in the American Numismatic Association and the Numismatic Society of India, just to mention a few additional identities.

Anticipating the pleasure of your early reply,

Very respectfully yours,



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enclosure

His Highness Mohammed Farid Didi
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