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Dear Bahá'í Friend,

Your email letter of 28 August 2021 concerning a talk given by 'Abdu'l-Bahá to the Turanian Society of Budapest, a transcript of which is published in *Majmú'iy-i-Khitábát-i-Haḍrat-i-'Abdu'l-Bahá*, volume 3, pages 95–100, has been received at the Bahá'í World Centre. You ask if it is known who transcribed this talk and request confirmation about its authenticity as well as that of the other talks of the Master published in the three volumes of *Majmú'iy-i-Khitábát-i-Ḥaḍrat-i-'Abdu'l-Bahá*.

Your queries were forwarded to the Research Department, and it has reported that a transcript of the talk given by 'Abdu'l-Bahá to the Turanian Society of Budapest in the hand of Mírzá Maḥmúd-i-Zarqání is available in the Archives at the World Centre. It has also confirmed that the above-mentioned text published in volume 3 of *Majmú 'iy-i-Khiṭábát-i-Ḥaḍrat-i-'Abdu'l-Bahá* is an authentic record of the talk given by 'Abdu'l-Bahá. As to the question of the authenticity of the other talks published in the three volumes of *Majmú 'iy-i-Khiṭábát-i-Ḥaḍrat-i-'Abdu'l-Bahá*, the Research Department has commented that the authenticity of each transcript would need to be examined individually. Owing to the pressure of work and limited resources, it is not possible for the Research Department to undertake such a task at this time.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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