

Cairo, Egypt, August 8th, 2008

Dear Professor Govedarica-The Scientific Counselor of the Academy of Science and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Judging by your statements, which have been published in FENA, daily SAN and on line, <http://209.85.173.104/search?q=cache:R80NtZ38LIAJ:www.bljesak.info/content/view/14146/155/+osmanagic+samo+prekopava+govedarica&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=4&gl=us&client=firefox-a>,

It is clear that you are refusing to attend the ICBP conference. You are going back to nonscientific and fruitless arguments you attempted towards me earlier this year. You claiming to know the pyramid hills so very well, I remind you that I suggested you write and publish something on that subject for the prestigious "Godisnjak". However, there is nothing in the scientific literature published under your name. Meanwhile, my report appeared several months ago; available on line to you and the general public.

Mr. Govedarica, you have publicly rejected the invitation I sent you as a president of the ICBP and you have done so in your own language; how about me answering publicly in Arabic or English? Hitherto, you have done nothing but objected in various ways which are out of the scientific context and quite frankly, I do not understand your emotional motives.

Remember that we could talk out your troubles over a nice cup of Bosnian coffee. We shall not talk about the timing of the ICBP, nor argue about the nationalities of professional archaeologists, I am older than you and have much more experience; bearers of titles and occupants of posts are not necessary the greatest.

Professor Govedarica, we shall talk about the Pyramid science; I will tell you all about pyramids, and point out to you what a pyramid is and what is not a pyramid. On the other hand, you Professor Govedarica have nothing to say about that subject.

Remember, I said you do not listen and therefore, the logical cycle of your argument is open. You have tried to put words into my mouth and posed threats to intimidate me. Your followers have insulted me and called me names; it seems that you have not been

a good example and did not teach them how to behave. It is interesting how none of you ever confronted me face to face.

Dear Professor Govedarica, right through I have been trying to give you the benefit of the doubt.

You made the following statement:

"Prvi put čujem da se jedan arheološki skup organizira u ljetno doba, odnosno u jeku sezone iskopavanja. To sasvim sigurno ne bi uradio neko tko se s razumijevanjem bavi arheologijom i tko poznaje način arheološkog rada i to iz prostog razloga što dobro zna da su u to doba svi arheolozi na iskopavanjima"

How can this be? Do you know that this is the end of school season?

If my memory serves me right, a Conference in Croatia was being held last year in September (when you invited me and my Egyptian colleagues to attend, one day after my departure from Bosnia). According to your statement, it is a busy month for any "active" archaeologist like yourself. In addition to this, the World Archaeological Congress was held in July.

You also stated:

Organizatorima skupa sam odgovorio da zbog obaveza na iskopavanjima ne mogu pozitivno odgovoriti na njihov poziv. Teško da bi se bilo koji aktivni arheolog mogao prihvatiti sudjelovanje na jednom znanstvenom skupu u navedenom terminu".

You forgot the fact that I am the President of the ICBP, who directly invited you to attend this event, but you ignored my courtesy; does that give you any satisfaction? If it does I am happy you ignored. Additionally, you also stated:

"Zbog tog banalnog organizacijskog propusta konferencija će po svoj prilici ostati bez profesionalnih arheologa iz Europe i Amerike, odnosno bez stručnjaka koji su najkompetentniji za proučavanje svih aspekata kulturnopovijesnog razvoja u prapovijesnom dobu naše zemlje."

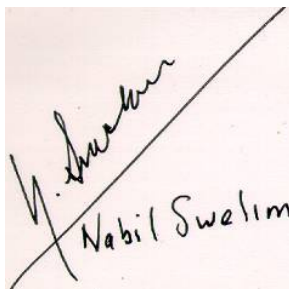
Judging by the aforementioned statement, this leaves me under the impression that my education, knowledge and experience is of no value to you as you don't seem to show any respect. If your ignorance allows you, please, learn more about Dr. Nabil Swelim and his bibliography! After all, you managed to obtain from the Egyptian Embassy all the necessary information about me in order to begin to harass me with your unpleasant correspondence. Some of your rude followers were on the offensive and very insulting-at the time when I knew nothing of a person named Blagoje Govedarica.

You also said:

Moja konstatacija je da tamo nema nikakvih piramida, već da Osmangićeve ekipa **prekopava** geološke slojeve i sedimente. Ni nakon treće godine iskopavanja nije se pojavio nijedan nalaz koji bi upućivao na bilo kakav drugačiji zaključak, te nema nikakvog razloga za promjenu mišljenja. Istovjetan stav imaju svi kompetentni arheolozi i geolozi iz Europe i Amerike i apsolutna većina specijalista.

My dear Sir, you are neither reasoning scientifically nor logically-your attitude is bad-tempered, and some of your followers have the symptoms of falsehood and are lacking a proper behavior, failing to live up to the standards of educated individuals.

Professor Nabil M. Swelim
Cairo, Egypt, President
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A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and is crossed out by a diagonal line. Below the signature, the name 'Nabil Swelim' is printed in a simple, sans-serif font.

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