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The first to visit me in Quebec City was my cousin Dr. Louis Awad in November 1970 on his way to Boston in USA on a business trip. I have just joined Laval University in October as professor of metallurgy. He spent few days with me full of discussions about the family, culture, history, etc. He was born in Sharona near Minya in Upper Egypt, studied English literature in Cairo University graduating in 1937. He was sent to Cambridge University, England in 1938 for studies toward the doctorate. Unfortunately, World War II started while he was there and had to return in 1941 having only a Master’s degree.

He worked as journalist and writer. In 1947 he was a professor of English at Cairo University. He went to Princeton University in New Jersey in the 1950s and got the doctorate there. He was outspoken in his wish for democratization and secularism in the Arab world. He was forced to resign his position at the University in 1954 and was arrested many times. He wrote many books in Arabic on history, culture, and philology. He received many honours and rewards.

Loius Awad was a heavy smoker and he had to be medically treated at his old age of 75 when he passed away. It was difficult to rescue his belongings such as books, records, etc. My brother Fawzi was able to save some of his medals and decorations.
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