EDITORIAL

WITH THIS ISSUE we begin a new section entitled Communications, a decision made at the Spring 1986 MESA board meeting. The general rules for letters will follow the *Middle East Journal* guidelines. We welcome comments from our readers. All communications should be addressed to the Editor and bear the full name and address of the writer. A selection of those received will be published. When we feel a comment on an article or a review published in the *Bulletin* merits serious consideration, the author of the article or review will be given the option to respond. As a matter of policy, such exchanges will normally be limited to one round. In addition to letters of comment, other information of interest will be printed as space is available.

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