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An indication of the hotel would be this:  
I spread towels on the dresser  
before putting out our things.

It was hot but we wandered dutifully  
behind Ibrahim as he explained the ruins.  
We were bombarded by peddlers trying to sell us wallets.

None of us really knew what to look for  
and it is obvious that we didn't get the most  
from the trip. I bought a string of strangely shaped

amber beads which I have since been told  
by an expert are really "quite special." We changed  
to an Old World hotel frequented by

Winston Churchill. It was apparent to us—  
after we didn't get served in the main dining room—  
that we were not their favorite customers.

Just as I fell asleep, I heard Sam exclaim  
that he had not loaded the camera correctly.  
All the pictures we took

were now never taken. All we had left  
was a flower given to me by a little girl  
to whom I gave candy.

We are not sure if the trip was worth it.  
But we would never have known  
if we had not gone.

*—lines from a travel journal, 1974*