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June 28, 1960

Dear Dag,

Thank you for having given me a copy of your statement to the Committee of Experts on the review of the activities and organization of the Secretariat ^{made} on June 24th.

I read it with interest and do not think any action is called for at the moment.

As regards the alarming cash position of the Organization I know that, following the specific hint you made to us on that point on June 3rd, my colleagues would expect to hear from you as to how you contemplate handling that problem before it becomes more acute.

They may indeed formally express, before the end of this week, a desire to hear from you on the subject.

It is in anticipation of this probability — it is practically a certainty — that I write

to request you to be so good as to
reserve an hour or so next Tuesday,
July 5th, when we might have the benefit
of your views on this burning question.

I take the liberty of making this
suggestion as the target date for closing
the present session of the Committee is
July 7th. I very much hope this
would not inconvenience you.

Yours very sincerely
Ch. A. G. Smith

I realize that this is a matter
on which you and the Advisory Committee
must up to a point share responsibility.

Ch. A.

29 June 1960

Thank you for your not of the 28th. I conclude that we will not send the statement to your Committee (informally) unless you were to take an initiative and ask us for it.

As regards the date, Tuesday the 5th of July, for consultation, it suits me well, and you can ask your Secretariat to arrange the exact time with Miss Platz.

Ambassador Th. Aghnides,
United Nations.

15 June 1961

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