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Mi querido señor Hammarskjöld:

He leído con toda atención su carta de ayer y le manifiesto mi entera conformidad con lo que me expresa usted en ella, así como mi decisión de dedicar todo el tiempo que sea necesario a las consultas que tiene usted planeadas. Lo considero para mí un deber por mi vieja vinculación con las Naciones Unidas, y al mismo tiempo un gran honor. Estoy, pues, enteramente a su disposición.

Lo saluda con toda cordialidad
su sincero admirador y amigo

Víctor Andrés Belaunde
Presidente de la Delegación del Perú
A la Asamblea General de las Naciones
Unidas

Al señor
Dag Hammarskjöld,
Secretario General
de las Naciones Unidas

NEW YORK

10 October 1960

PERSONAL

Dear Dr. Belaunde,

In my introduction to the Annual Report to the General Assembly I drew, the 31st of August 1960, attention to certain weaknesses in the Organisation of the Secretariat in the following words:

"It does not dispose of a sufficient number of highly qualified senior officials for all the tasks that now have to be met - in spite of the feeling sometimes voiced that the Organisation is 'top heavy'. There is, generally speaking, within the Secretariat not enough of a diplomatic tradition or staff with training in political and diplomatic field activities to meet the needs which have developed over the years. And it is, finally, a considerable weakness that the Secretariat has not in its ranks a highly qualified military expertise which is able, on a current basis, to maintain a state of preparedness for the kind of situation which the Organisation has suddenly had to face".

I feel that it would be useful to give urgent consideration to the problem thus outlined, so that adequate proposals might be made to the present Assembly. This need for re-enforcement of the Secretariat is emphasised by the present very heavy tasks. It would be of the greatest value for me to be able to profit from the experience of some people with broad and deep knowledge of the United Nations and the operations of the Secretariat. I would, therefore, like to ask you if you, together with Madame Pandit and Mr. Lester B. Pearson - as you see all ex-Presidents of the General Assembly, but from different regions - would find it possible to devote a couple of days to such consultations.

In the course of the consideration of the problem which I raised in the Introduction, the group might also like to give thought to various ideas which later have been expressed by some delegates in the general debate; I think especially of the question whether and, if so, how these ideas could be developed in a way that would correspond to the explicit

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terms of the Charter, increase - or at least not reduce - the efficiency of the Organisation, and meet the desires for a broader representation of geographical areas now predominant in the composition of the General Assembly.

I would highly appreciate your cooperation and hope that you will be able to give me an early reply.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld.