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Appointment of senior staff

21 May 59 - 24 Aug. 60

Seynes, Philippe de (Palais des Nations,  
Geneva)

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21 May 1959

Dear Mr. de Seynes,

Next week it is my intention to engage in a series of individual discussions with heads of departments and offices and of special programmes. During these discussions there will be opportunity for a thorough review of staffing problems, work programmes and major policy problems and trends affecting your department.

I would hope that you would give some advance thought to this review and engage in the necessary discussions with your senior officers with a view to covering the subjects mentioned above.

Would you please reserve an hour at five o'clock on Tuesday, 26 May for this discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjold  
Secretary-General

Mr. P. de Seynes  
Under-Secretary for Economic  
and Social Affairs

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- 1933 Bachelor of Civil Engineering  
National Tsing Hua University, Peiping, China
- 1934-35 Government Scholar in Hydraulic Engineering to USA  
Graduate School, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
- 1935-36 Graduate School, University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 1936-37 Engineer, Guntersville Dam, Alabama  
Tennessee Valley Authority
- 1938 Ph. D. (Hydraulic Engineering), University of Iowa  
Dissertation: Functional Design of Flood Control  
Reservoirs, Published in Proceedings, American  
Society of Civil Engineers, 1939; Transactions,  
Am. Soc. C.E., 1940
- 1940-41 Professor of Hydraulic Engineering  
National Tsing Hua University, Kunming, Yunnan  
  
Consulting Engineer  
Teng-Chung Hydroelectric Development, Yunnan
- 1941-43 Engineering Consultant, Farmers' Bank of China, Chungking  
(Irrigation development thruout Free China)
- 1943-45 Military Service with the Chinese Army in India  
North Burma Campaign
- 1945 Toured European Theatre of Operations and Military  
Training Centers in America
- 1946-49 Adviser, Chinese Delegation to the United Nations  
Military Staff Committee
- 1950-53 Secretary to the Chief of General Staff  
Ministry of National Defense, Taipei, Taiwan

- 1953-54      Representative  
              Joint Military Committee for the Evacuation of Chinese  
              Guerrillas in North Burma
- 1954-56      Member, Reseach Committee  
              National Defense Council
- 1956-57      Deputy Secretary-General  
              Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen
- 1957-58      Director, Department of Information  
              Taiwan Provincial Government
- 1958          Vice President  
              Taiwan Power Company
- Commissioner and Chief Engineer  
              Water Resources Planning Commission  
              Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Membership:   Sigma Xi Honorary Scientific Society
- Decorations:   Order of Cloud and Banner  
                  Gan Cheng Medal

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On basis of your cable I asked Heurtematte and thus got the message.

If US accepts Yugoslav candidate, my interest in him is very much strengthened and definitely is also Eastern candidate. We would have to change second man but that can be done in due time. Von Flaten absolutely excluded and proposal surprises me.