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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

May I refer to the preliminary conversation which I had with you towards the end of October last and to the recent exchange of letters between the Permanent Representative of Iran and yourself concerning my return to my national service. I am grateful to you for having given me complete freedom of action to take whatever decision I considered appropriate. I have come to the conclusion that I should accede to the Iranian Government's request and to accept a post in which I shall have the opportunity of bringing to it the benefit of my long association with the Secretariat. I am therefore writing to tender you my resignation. I have discussed the date of my separation with Mr. Philippe de Seynes, and we have agreed that the most appropriate time would be shortly after the summer session of the Council, when the documents going forward from the Council to the General Assembly have been completed, i.e. the 20th of August.

Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, New York

The Secretary-General

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20 April 1959

I should like to take this opportunity to say that I leave the Secretariat with the deepest regret. My years of service with the United Nations, for the most part under your leadership, have been a very rewarding and enriching experience. I have always enjoyed the most pleasant relationships both with my superiors and with the members of my own team. To them all I owe a debt of gratitude for their confidence in me; and to my staff I am also indebted for their untiring assistance. I consider myself very fortunate to have made so many friends among my colleagues.

In conclusion, may I say that should an occasion arise where I could again be of some service to you, I should be very happy if you would call upon me. I am sure that the Iranian Government would show the same understanding that you have shown to them in granting my release.

Yours sincerely,

Mehdi Vakil

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15 June 1959

Dear Mr. Vakil,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 20 April 1959, in which you conveyed to me your decision to resign your appointment with the United Nations. It is with sincere regret that I accept your resignation.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your services to the Organization. First in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and then for the past six years as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council, you have made a valuable contribution to our endeavours. Your regret at leaving the Secretariat must be tempered by your consciousness of the high esteem in which you are held by your Government and for our part it is pleasing to know that your association with the United Nations will continue. I wish you happiness and every success in your new assignment.

Finally, may I say that I have taken particular note of the final paragraph of your letter, and am indeed appreciative of the thought which inspired it.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

Mr. Mehdi Vakil
Secretary of the
Economic and Social Council
Department of Economic and
Social Affairs

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RESIGNATION OF MEHDI VAKIL, SECRETARY
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, ANNOUNCED

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold has accepted with regret the resignation of Mehdi Vakil from the post of Secretary of the Economic and Social Council which he has occupied since November 1952. The resignation will be effective as from 20 August 1959.

Mr. Vakil is returning to the diplomatic service of his country, Iran, and it is understood that he is to be assigned by his government to an important diplomatic post. He has been with the United Nations Secretariat since June 1950.

Wladyslaw R. Malinowski will succeed Mr. Vakil as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council. Mr. Malinowski is of Polish nationality. He holds a Doctor's degree in Economics from the Jagiellonian University in Cracow (Poland).

He has served with the United Nations since April 1946 and has been occupying the post of Head of the Regional Commissions Section in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs since July 1952. He will continue to exercise his present functions together with his new responsibilities.

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