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Georg Ivan Smith (Director, London Information Center)

— to Aase Alun (Secretary to the Sec. Gen. UN)

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January 8th, 1958.

Dear Aase,

Like you I am an inveterate collector of old paper. I have sorted out mounds of it and retained herewith only those pieces which I think you may need. I have arranged these in categories.

*Aase!
autograph sent*

Category A. The only two things on which action may be called for but it's very unlikely. The first is a card from Le Baron Benoist-Mechin - I explained to him by telephone that the S.G. very much regretted that his programme made it impossible to arrange a meeting. I doubt whether the S.G. will wish to do anything but it's just possible that he will want to send a few lines to the gentleman at the Paris address shown on the card. The second is a request from Seymour B. Feldman for an autograph on the UNEF letter.

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Category B. Copies of two personal telegrams sent from Gaza on Christmas Day.

Category C. Greetings telegrams received or sent. You will note among these one from the Brazilian Ambassador to UN. Doubtless the S.G. has thanked him for it verbally. There is a nice error in transmission - "expending" instead of "spending" - which would appeal to Bruce Turner.

Category D. The two petitions submitted to the S.G. at Gaza when he called on Governor Latif. The card "Right is over Might" was attached to a live white pigeon but, alas, I seem to have mislaid the bird. Perhaps the S.G. packed it.

Category E. A Christmas card from Mahmoud Younes. He also left his visiting card at the hotel but I returned a visiting card from the S.G. No action is needed on the second card from the manager of the hotel which is a UNEF leave centre but I thought I should send it to let you see a picture of the fattest mummy in the world.

Category F. The invitation from the Swedish Battalion to the fascinating Christmas Eve celebrations.

Category G. Is an example of the novel form in which some of your Headquarters telegrams arrive during flights.

Category H. The exchange of telegrams concerning the invitation to Christmas Mass in Bethlehem.

It was a wonderful trip, profoundly moving and inspiring. I have never seen the S.G. in better form or so deeply engaged in a whole range of human problems and reactions. He was terrific.


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Greetings to you all,

Yours ever,



George Ivan Smith
Director.

P.S. I hope Bill has told you the story of how he began speaking in Norwegian to a Norwegian major only to find that he was talking with the padre.

Miss Aase Alm,
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United Nations,
New York.

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