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- 1 letter to D.H. June 1960
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25 June 1960 H.Wieschhoff

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HE MOHAMED HAJI IBRAHIM EGAL
GOVERNMENT OF SOMALILAND
HARGEISA, SOMALILAND

ON THE OCCASION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF SOMALILAND I WISH TO EXTEND TO
YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SOMALILAND MY
SINCERE WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
SECRETARY GENERAL
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ETAT SECRETARY GENERAL U N O NEWYORK

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IT IS WITH A SENSE OF APPRECIATION OF THE VALUE
OF YOUR KIND SENTIMENTS AND FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF OUR
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BY THE UNITING SOMALI TERRITORIES
OF SOMALILAND AND SOMALIA WILL MAKE A WORTHY CONTRIBUTION
TO THE WORLD PEACE AND TO THE WELFARE OF HUMANITY

MOHAMED IBRAHIM IGAL PRIME MINISTER HARGEISA

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 2 May 1956⁰

FROM: H. A. Wieschhoff *hi*

FILE NO.: _____

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: Somaliland

In accordance with your request Mr. Owen, Mr. Bloch and I have agreed on the draft of the attached letter which you may wish to send to the Prime Minister of Somalia.

2 May 1960

DRAFT

Letter of the Secretary-General to the Prime Minister of Somalia

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No comment! *W* H.

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DAG HAMMARSKJOLD UNQUOTE

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 YOUR SHOULDERS FOR CONGO SITUATION AND WHILST PRAYING GOD FOR
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VIA TO MR ABDURAHIM ABI FARAH A SOMALI GOVERNMENT

REPRESENTATIVE TO THIRD SESSION ECONOMIC COMMISSION

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IN VIEW OF URGENCY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INTERVENTION WITH

ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO SECURE PROMPT ISSUANCE OF VISA TO ANY

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTED BY SOMALI GOVERNMENT TO ATTEND

ECA SESSION STOP I AM SENDING COPY THIS TELEGRAM TO

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ECA

ABDULIAHI ISSA FOREIGN MINISTER

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Translated from Italian

Cable

Date: 14 May 1960, Mogadiscio
From: Mr. Abdullahi Issa, Somali Prime Minister
To: The Secretary-General of the United Nations

1375. I have the honour to inform you that the Somali Government and people would be most pleased if an official delegation from the Secretariat of the United Nations would attend the ceremonies celebrating Somali independence, due to take place at Mogadiscio from 1 to 4 July next. Delegation, limited for practical reasons to three persons, would be most welcome guests of this Government for the above period. Would also be grateful if you would kindly inform me by cable regarding acceptance of invitation and composition of delegation. I have the honour to be, etc.

Abdullahi Issa
Prime Minister

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: CEBE HABERSKY, MOGADISCIO

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 21 May 1960

NUMBER:

Ref. memo for Bunche of 17 May.

Below ^{3/}transmit text letter sent to Issa through Italian Government.

At first Italians hesitated receive it for transmission in view doubts this appropriate. However, letter was accepted for transmission 9 May after consultation with Rome. I do not exclude intentionally very slow transmittal has ^{followed.} ~~failures~~. Please check if letter now received by Issa and cable reply. Would also appreciate your comments on intermediary line I follow in letter which remains in harmony with my approach in talks with Issa but postpones definitive decision on two representatives until time when political situation is more clear and maybe more manageable.

Text letter to Issa:

quote (annexed) unquote

Were you to find that Issa has not received letter, you are entitled to give him copy of text according to this cable pending arrival of original. This would be done in order gain time and create situation with proper pressure on Italians through fait accompli. My reply to invitation obviously must be influenced by Issa's views on my present approach.

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To my regret, duties at Headquarters will make it impossible for me to attend personally. However, I will be pleased to send our Legal Counsel, Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos, who as an Under-Secretary is one of my closest collaborators. He will attend as official and personal representative of the Secretary-General, fully empowered to speak for me on this important occasion.

In the circumstances, I wish to take the first opportunity to present personally my congratulations. It is, therefore, my intention to visit Mogadiscio after having attended a meeting of the ECOSOC in Geneva and on my way to Pretoria for discussions with the Government of the Union of South Africa. I hope to be able to spend two to three days in Mogadiscio early in the week beginning 24 July and would appreciate to learn whether that time is convenient to you.

My visit to Mogadiscio as planned will give me the advantage of discussing personally with you and your colleagues future arrangements regarding the representation of the United Nations in Somalia, on which I hope to be able to take a decision after my return to New York. Our consultations will be considerably facilitated by the presence of Mr. Stavropoulos, who after the independence celebrations should wait for my arrival in Mogadiscio. Through discussions with you and your colleagues he will be able to prepare the ground for my talks with you in a way that I know will prove most helpful.

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H.E. Abdullah Issa,
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This has now been
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9 Nov 1960.