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Note to the Government of Jordan

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To: Mr. P. P. Spinelli, Amman
From: Ralph J. Bunche

In response to your cable (SP-23), please find enclosed a draft of the note which has been prepared in the Office of Legal Affairs and approved by the Secretary-General. We believe that this note to the Government of Jordan covers all the points raised in your cable. While our draft does not refer explicitly to the right to use a diplomatic pouch and to favourable rates of currency exchange, these matters are all adequately covered in the Convention on Privileges and Immunities. You also refer to "exemption from any passport and visa regulations beyond those provided by convention". While we are not quite clear on what is intended by this, we have included in the draft an express provision relating to freedom of entry and departure "without delay or hindrance".

cc. Mr. Stavropoulos

Draft

[4 October 1958]

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the agreement between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and your Government for the stationing in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan of a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, under the charge of a Special Representative of the Secretary-General, as a "practical arrangement" within the purview of the resolution of the General Assembly of 21 August 1958, with the task of helping to uphold the principles and purposes of the Charter in relation to Jordan in present circumstances.

In view of the special functions and importance of this United Nations organ, I have the honour to propose that your Government extend to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General ^{and} to officials of the United Nations assigned to his staff - over and above the status which they and the organ enjoy under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, to which your Government acceded on 3 January 1958 - the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities which are enjoyed by diplomatic envoys in accordance with international law. The privileges and immunities necessary for the full exercise of the functions of the United Nations organ will also include freedom of entry and departure, without delay or hindrance, of its personnel and property, and full freedom of movement throughout Jordan; the right to fly the United Nations flag on its premises and vehicles or otherwise in connexion with its official business; the right to operate United Nations vehicles and the use of United Nations registration plates; the recognition of personal identity cards to be issued by the Special Representative; the right of unrestricted communication by radio, through the operation of fixed or mobile sending and receiving stations within Jordan, and for connexion with the United Nations radio network, as well as by telephone, telegraph or other means; and the use of airfields by aircraft

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in the service of the United Nations without the payment of fees or charges except those directly related to services rendered.

It is my understanding that your Government will assist in providing, in agreement with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, such premises as may be necessary for the accommodation and fulfillment of the functions of the United Nations organ, these to be inviolable and subject to the exclusive control and authority of the Special Representative. I likewise understand that the Special Representative may call upon your Government for assistance in the acquisition of living accommodations for the personnel serving with him and for the procurement of such supplies and equipment that the Special Representative may request and that are locally available.

Finally, it is my understanding that your Government will render assistance to the Special Representative in the recruitment of local staff, who shall enjoy the immunity concerning official acts provided in Section 18(a) of the Convention and freedom of movement within Jordan in the exercise of their official functions, and that their appointment and service shall be upon conditions to be within the exclusive authority of the Special Representative.

If these proposals meet with the approval of your Government I should like to suggest that this letter and your reply should constitute an agreement between the United Nations and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to take effect from 27 September 1958, the date of the arrival in Jordan of the Special Representative.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.