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Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

I find myself in some difficulty in attending the ACC Session in Geneva on 7 and 8 May, 1959. You are, no doubt, aware of President Eisenhower's "Food for Peace" proposal. In pursuance of that proposal, the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ezra Benson, has now called a meeting of some of the more important surplus producing countries at the Cabinet level on the 4-6 May at Washington, and has also invited me to attend. I enclose a copy of Secretary Benson's letter which will explain the special importance he attaches to my participation. I have, therefore, decided to attend.

At the same time, I feel reluctant to deny myself the opportunity, which I value, of meeting my colleagues once a year at the ACC meeting in Geneva, specially at the secret session where we have an appreciation of the world situation from you, and also discuss controversial matters freely. The flight schedules from New York-Geneva are, however, such that only by missing the afternoon meetings in Washington on 6th May can I arrive on the 8th in time for the morning session. I feel that I should be justified in making this special effort if only to attend the secret session, provided the secret session could be held on the 8th morning, instead of the 7th. If that is not possible, I shall ask my Deputy Director-General, Dr. Norman Wright to attend both on the 7th and 8th in my place.

I shall be grateful to have an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

B.R. Sen
Director-General

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

11 April 1959

Dear Dr. Sen,

I thank you for your letter of 6 April. I am sorry to hear that you will have to be away at about the time reserved for the ACC meeting in Geneva. However, I fully appreciate your reasons to go to Washington. Certainly, that is a discussion in which you should take part.

Of course, we will switch the secret session to the morning of 8 May. I do not believe that that would cause any of your colleagues any difficulty. We will all be happy to have an opportunity for our regular confidential exchange of views also with you.

Thus, I hope to see you in Geneva on 8 May.

With kind regards,

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