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Sec. Gen. - to J. A. Aler (President of K.L.M., The Netherlands)

16 May 1959

Dear Mr. Aler,

On May 12 I had the privilege of travelling on board the K.L.M. plane, Flight No. 773, from Zürich to Lisbon from where the trip was to be continued to Caracas and Panama. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Company, we were delayed in Lisbon. As we had only one hour at our disposal in Caracas to reach the connection for Panama, we had to leave the K.L.M. plane in Lisbon and go to Panama via New York.

The reason for my writing is that I would ask you kindly to convey to your representatives at the Lisbon airport my thanks for their attention and helpfulness to me and my collaborators in the situation caused by our sudden change of plans. Their personal attention towards us went even further than what could be expected of representatives of a company known for such a high standard of service as the K.L.M.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld

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