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Corresp. Hannah Platz (Sec. Gen's secretary)

— André R. Courtois (UN office, Conakry, Guinea)

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11 March 1960

TO: *Miss Platz*

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Dear Miss Platz,

Photograph's of Secretary-General's Visit to Guinea

I hope you are now full recovered from your tiring trip all over Africa; it surely must have been a thrilling experience, however, and this is probably, and rightly, the only way you look at it now.

I wonder if you could help solving the following minor problem for us: after the Secretary-General's visit to Guinea we inquired with the Information Department about the official photographs taken during the visit; we were told that as soon as these photographs were ready they would be sent to us. Having received nothing at the end of February - which is just about a normal delay here - we inquired again and were then told that six sets of 30 photographs had been sent directly to the Secretary-General a short while after the visit; another source, however, insisted that the 180 photographs had been sent to our office through the Foreign Ministry: if this is the case, the pictures have simply got lost.

May we ask you to find out whether the 180 photographs were actually received by the Secretary-General's office as we were told? If not, we will then formally request that a few sets be reprinted for use by your office and ours.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

André R. Courtois  
Administrative Officer

Miss Hannah Platz,  
Office of the Secretary-General,  
United Nations,  
NEW YORK.

*Esbeck*

18 March 1960

Dear Mr. Courtois,

Thank you for your letter of 11 March. Indeed the African trip was a fascinating experience, and I'm still digesting it. I had 10 days in the Swiss mountains to recover, which is much more than any of the others could do, so I was lucky.

Regarding the photographs of the S.G.'s visit to Guinea: The Information Department in Conakry works much quicker than they, themselves know. The photo's you mention were handed to Mr. Wachtmeister at our departure from Conakry, and all of us had a good time looking at them in mid-air between Conakry and Accra. So, don't worry about them anymore. I'm sorry that because of this efficiency you, yourself, did not have a chance to see them.

With my best regards to all of you,

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Platz.

Mr. André Courtois,  
Administrative officer,  
United Nations Office,  
Conakry, Guinea.

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CONAKRY

25 March 1960

Dear Miss Platz,

Thank you for your letter of 18 March regarding the pictures of the Secretary-General's visit in Guinea. Indeed, the speedy delivery of the photographs is a very remarkable feat considering the time it usually takes to get things processed here.

We will therefore be ordering additional copies for our own needs and files here.

With best personal regards from us all,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Courtois'.

André R. Courtois  
Administrative Officer

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