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Peking story

19 Dec. 1954

D.H.'s meeting with Keng Piao (Ambassador of China)
in Stockholm

- Memorandum concerning points raised by D.H.
at the conversation

Stockholm, December 19, 1954.

The press spokesman for Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations, made the following statement tonight:

"Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and General Keng Piao, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, met today at a luncheon given by Mr. Uno Willers, Librarian of the Realm. There were no other guests except the Ambassador's interpreter. The Secretary General and the Ambassador discussed various practical matters relating to the forthcoming visit of the Secretary General to Peking. No further meeting is planned at present before the Secretary General's return on Tuesday afternoon to United Nations Headquarters in New York."

Memorandum

concerning points raised by Mr. Hammarskjöld at
the conversation December 19, 1954.

1. Route to Peking (via New Delhi; definite information to be given as soon as possible).
2. Time at Mr. Hammarskjöld's disposal in Peking (in view of other responsibilities 4 - 5 days).
3. Level of discussions (Mr. Hammarskjöld being the only official UN representative - and also in view of the nature of the problem - discussions will have to be between him and Mr. Chou En-Lai, with assistants as necessary).
4. Publicity (direct publicity or official comments on talks to be subject to mutual agreement; contacts in Peking to be held down to an "office" level).
5. Participants in Secretary General's group (political expert: Pakistani or Burmanese; legal expert: British or Swiss; personal assistant: Swedish; personal body guard: American; interpreter: ? - Participants partly from inside, partly from outside the Secretariat).
6. Visas for the group (to be issued in New Delhi, or preferably Stockholm; also laissez-passer for all members).
7. Diplomatic immunities (full immunities for all members of the group - as normally granted UN personnel by other nations).

8. "Pertinent questions" (the term accepted, without any preliminary agreement on an agenda, on the understanding that the question that is the reason for the Secretary General's initiative is envisaged as "pertinent").
9. Comments on these points (can be discussed before Mr. Hammar-skjöld's departure from Stockholm Tuesday afternoon, or else transmitted to Mr. Willers who via the code service of the Swedish Foreign Office will have them forwarded to New York).