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- a) 2 memoranda by the Swedish Delegation to the U.N. (conc. talks between Ambassador Wistrand, Peking and Amb. Raghavan, and statement by Amb. Bohlen, USA)
- b) U.N. Press Release - Sec.-Gen. to leave Thursday on mission to Peking. Itinerary includes London and New Delhi.
- c) Chou En-lai (Prime Minister of China)  
- 1 cable from D.H.

P.M.

Enligt telegram från utrikesdepartementet till FN-delegationen den 28 december 1954 har ambassadören Wistrand i Peking efter samtal med sin indiske kollega ambassadören Raghavan inrapporterat, att enligt denne kinesernas argument komme att bli att på grundval av diskussionerna i Genève hävda, att amerikanerna själva placerat flygarna utanför kategorin krigsfångar. Ambassadören Raghavan, vars inställning till generalsekretärare Hammarskjölds initiativ vore högst positiv, ansåge att denna argumentation, med vilken Hammarskjöld vore förtrogen och varom Delhi underrättats av kineserna, komme att resas som en "brick wall". Enligt Raghavan vore de två civila, som lämnats utanför resolutionen, klara spionfall, medan de elva flygarna vore gränsfall, och han ansåge att största möjligheten till framgång låge i att bevisningen koncentrerades på att visa att flygarna äro oskyldiga. Raghavan insåge dock, att Hammarskjöld är bunden av resolutionen. Han ansåge att framgång vidare vore beroende av återhållsamhet i offentliga uttalanden och uttalanden i pressen från amerikansk sida.

New York den 28 december 1954.

P.M.

Utrikesdepartementet har i telegram den 29 december 1954 meddelat FN-delegationen, att enligt uppgift från ambassadör Sohlman amerikanske ambassadören, Bohlen, på muntlig fråga från president Eisenhower förklarat sig vara övertygad om att de "tretton flygarna" kvarhölls av kineserna såsom bytesobjekt mot de kinesiska studenterna i Förenta Staterna. Det förefölle, som om ambassadör Bohlens uppfattning bekräftades av en artikel i Izvestija av den 26 december som behandlade dessa studenter. De tretton fångarna omnämndes nämligen i slutet av artikeln i förbigående på ett sätt som vore typiskt för Sovjetpressen.

New York den 29 december 1954.

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28 December 1954

SECRETARY-GENERAL TO LEAVE THURSDAY ON MISSION TO PEKING

Itinerary Includes London and New Delhi

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold will leave New York on his mission to Peking on Thursday, 30 December. He will fly to London on a plane provided by the United States Government. He will leave London on 1 January for New Delhi on a plane provided by the British Government. He will arrive in New Delhi on 2 January and leave on 3 or 4 January for Canton on a plane provided by the Indian Government. From Canton he will proceed to Peking by plane. En route, the Secretary-General hopes to talk in London with Sir Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister of the United Kingdom, and in New Delhi with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Secretary-General will be accompanied on his journey by the following persons from Headquarters: Ahmed S. Bokhari, who has been appointed Under Secretary as of 1 January; Per Lind of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General; William Ranallo, his personal aide; and Miss Aase Alm, his secretary. The party will be joined in London by Professor Humphrey Waldoek, Professor of international law at Oxford University, and by Gustav Nystrom of Stockholm, Sweden, who will serve as interpreter. Constantin Stavropoulos, Legal Counsel, will accompany the party as far as London for consultations with Professor Waldoek there. Mr. Stavropoulos' presence thereafter will be required at Headquarters.

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HIS EXCELLENCY MR. CHOU EN-LAI  
PRIME MINISTER  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
PEKING (CHINA)

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PARAGRAPH I SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR AHMED S. BOKHARI UNDER SECRETARY *United Nations* PAKISTAN PASSPORT COMMA MR PER LIND OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL SWEDISH PASSPORT COMMA MR WILLIAM RANALLO MY PERSONAL AIDE AMERICAN PASSPORT COMMA MISS AASE ALM MY SECRETARY NORWEGIAN PASSPORT COMMA PROFESSOR HUMPHREY WALDOCK PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OXFORD UNIVERSITY BRITISH PASSPORT AND MR GUSTAV NYSTROM STOCKHOLM SWEDEN INTERPRETER SWEDISH PASSPORT STOP ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL ALSO HAVE UNITED NATIONS LAISSEZ PASSERS STOP REFERRING TO MESSAGE YESTERDAY TO YOUR AMBASSADOR STOCKHOLM I WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION VISAS AND LAISSEZ PASSERS AVAILABLE LONDON DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST OR NEW DELHI JANUARY THIRD

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD  
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