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Peking story - 1954

30 Dec.

- a) Travel arrangements
- b.) Itinerary for D.H. and his party
- c.) Hotel bills

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Flight Arrangements. See separate memorandum.
2. Passports. Depends primarily on nationality of persons concerned. United States nationals should have them validated for travel in China at the United States Passport Office. Upon presentation of an appropriate letter explaining the nature of the trip, Mr. Bender of the United States Mission will facilitate validation upon being informed of the name.
3. Laissez-Passers. Every member of the party should carry one. It can be obtained within one afternoon.
4. Tax Clearance. For non-Americans only. The United States Mission will assist and expedite securing of forms. This should take only about one hour.
5. Visas. United States and Commonwealth nationals do not require visas to the United Kingdom or India. No other visas necessary.
6. Health. The clinic is alerted to give all necessary shots. However, as the time is insufficient for the full series of three shots, the clinic is preparing a small supply of medicines which might be useful, consisting of sulphurs, quinine and paregoric, and other emergency relief drugs. Dr. Sze is also preparing some suggestions on food and drink. The drugs will be entrusted to one member of the party who will also be personally instructed in their use.
7. Funds. Arrangements have been made with the Manager of the Chemical Bank to have available on one hour's notice the necessary funds in dollars, pounds and travellers' cheques on the basis of \$300-400 per person and a reserve of \$2,000 for the entire party.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

1. New York - London

No problem. Daily direct flights by Pan-American or TWA, with berths in stratocruisers or constellations; leaving in the afternoon, arriving London in the morning. Unfortunately, BOAC which normally have a direct flight daily, cancelled their flights on Tuesday, 28 and Wednesday, 29 December. They have flights on Monday, 27 and Thursday, 30 December.

2. London - New Delhi

The only airlines which have suitable flights are Pan-American and BOAC.

(a) PAN-AMERICAN. Three flights a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. (DC-6-B; berths; route: London - Dusseldorf - Istanbul - Beirut - Basra - Karachi - New Delhi)

(i) Thursday, 30 December

Leave London 8:30 a.m. - arrive New Delhi 5:50 p.m.,
Friday, 31 December.

(In this case, leave New York Monday, 27 December at 4 p.m., arrive London Tuesday 28 December at 8:45 a.m. - Tuesday and Wednesday in London.)

(ii) Sunday, 2 January

Leave London 8:30 a.m. - arrive New Delhi 5:50 p.m.,
Monday, 3 January.

(In this case, leave New York Wednesday, 29 December at 4 p.m., arrive London Thursday 30 December at 8:45 a.m. - Thursday 30 December, Friday 31 December and Saturday 1 January in London.)

(iii) Tuesday 28 December or 4 January

(This may be either too late or too early)

Arrive New Delhi 29 December or 5 January. Leave New York Saturday, 25 December with Sunday and Monday, 27 December in London; or leave New York Thursday, 30 December with Friday 31st, Saturday, 1 January, Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd in London.

(b) BOAC. Three flights a week, no berths, reclining chairs or "sleeperettes" only.

(i) Saturday, 1 January

Leave London 9 a.m. - arrive New Delhi 7:25 p.m., Sunday 2 January. (Route: via Zurich, Rome, Cairo, Basra, Karachi.)

(Leave New York Wednesday 29th (Pan-American), arrive London 8:45 a.m. Thursday 30th - Thursday and Friday 31st in London.)

(ii) Thursday, 30 December

(Quantas Airline - affiliate of BOAC, constellation, no berths. Route: via Rome, Cairo.)

Leave London 7 p.m. - arrive Karachi 8:25 p.m. Friday 31st. Transfer to Orient Airways (affiliate). Leave Karachi 11:30 p.m., arrive New Delhi 3:45 a.m. Saturday, 1 January.

(In this case, leave New York Monday 27 December, arrive London Tuesday 28th. Tuesday, Wednesday and part of Thursday 30 December in London.)

(iii) Friday, 31 December

Super-constellation, mixed class, no berths. Route: via Frankfurt, Rome, Beirut, Karachi.

Leave London 7 p.m. - arrive Karachi 9:05 p.m. Saturday, 1 January. Overnight in Karachi. Orient Airways leave Karachi Sunday noon - arrive New Delhi 2 January about 4:15 p.m.

(In this case leave New York Tuesday 28 December, arrive London 29th. In London Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 and part of Friday 31 December.

3. Return Trip

(a) PAN-AMERICAN. Three direct flights a week, berths available. Route: New Delhi, Karachi, Beirut, Istanbul, Frankfurt (or Dusseldorf and Brussels), London.

Friday, 14, 21 January

Leave New Delhi 12:30 a.m. - Arrive London 10:40 p.m. (Friday)

Saturday 15 and 22 January

Leave New Delhi 11:30 p.m. - Arrive London 11:20 p.m. (Sunday)

Tuesday, 18 January

Leave New Delhi 11:30 p.m. - Arrive London 11:30 p.m. (Wednesday)

- (b) BOAC. Same type of accommodation, no berths, same route.
- (i) From New Delhi: Leave Friday 14, 21 January at 4:30 a.m.
Arrive London 15, 22 January at 7:20 a.m.
- (ii) From Karachi: Leave Friday 14, 21 January at 8:50 a.m.
Leave Saturday 15, 22 January at 12:35 a.m.
9:15 p.m.
Leave Sunday 16 January at 9:15 p.m.
Leave Monday 17 January at 10:30 p.m.
Leave Tuesday 18 January at 9:10 a.m.
9:15 p.m.
Leave Wednesday 19 January at 9:40 p.m.
Leave Thursday 13, 20 January at 6:10 p.m.

4. Other Airlines

- (a) SAS. Copenhagen - Karachi once a week. Friday 31 December at 3:40 p.m., berths available (via Hambourg, Frankfurt, Zurich, Rome, Abadan) arriving Saturday, 1 January at 7:05 p.m. This has no connecting London-Copenhagen flight which does not involve an overnight stop in Copenhagen. May be possible to charter a DC-3 in London for the connecting flight, or British may provide an official plane, or United Nations plane may be brought from Palestine to London for the purpose. (Approximate cost \$5,000)
- (b) TWA and KLM do not fly to New Delhi and their orient flights originate in Paris and Amsterdam respectively.

5. Possibility of Charter London - New Delhi

No firm estimates can be given without an official enquiry to London, but it is understood from the traffic manager of BOAC, that BOAC have a small number of Argonaut aircraft (a kind of DC-6 type) which are available for Charter at about \$2 per mile. This could fly the normal route London - Beirut - New Delhi (omitting unnecessary stops). Approximate estimated cost: \$8,500 one way, plus a charge of 50 per cent

if the aircraft returns empty, or a total of about \$13,000. If a return load is available the fee for transporting it is credited to the 50 per cent surcharge.

One way fare for eight persons London - New Delhi is about \$4,000. The additional cost would be about \$9,000.

ITINERARY FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HIS PARTY

Thursday, 30 December

Leave United Nations 2:35 pm

Expected arrival Idlewild Airport 3:15 pm

Approach plane through Customs area to Blocks 16 and 17

Plane departure 3:40 pm (Super Constellation)

Arrive Argentia, Newfoundland 9:10 pm

Depart " " 11:10 pm

Friday, 31 December

Arrive Heath Row Airport, London, 12:00 noon

Saturday, 1 January

Departure London 8:00 am

(BOAC Argonaut, special for VIP's, with
12 seats by day and 2 sleepers and
10 lounge seats by night, and with lounge
in rear).

Arrive Paris, Orly Airport, 9:20 am

Leave Orly Airport 11:20 am

(Further stops at Rome, Beirut and Dhahran)

Sunday, 2 January

Arrive New Delhi 4:00 pm

Tuesday, 4 January

Leave New Delhi 3:00 pm

(Indian Airlines Corporation Skymaster VT-CZT (DC4))

Arrive Calcutta 7:00 pm

Leave Calcutta 9:00 pm

Wednesday, 5 January

Arrive Canton 8:30 am

(Transfer immediately to Chinese plane for Peking)

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Wednesday, 5 January to
Monday, 10 January --

PEKING

Tuesday, 11 January
or
Thursday, 13 January

Depart Peking for Canton

NOTE: Hong Kong to Tokyo

Space has been reserved on the following BOAC flights :

Tues. 11 Jan. Lv: Hong Kong 9:30 am (BOAC #904
(first class
Arr: Tokyo 2025 hrs. (flight)

Thurs. 13 Jan. Lv: Hong Kong 9:30 am (BOAC #918
(tourist
Arr: Tokyo 2025 hrs. (flight)

BOAC has been instructed to meet the party at the International Gate, Hong Kong. BOAC, Hong Kong should be notified as to time.

Tokyo -- USA

Transportation being arranged

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL

The programme for Mr. Hammarskjold is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Dec. 31	1200 hrs.	<u>Arrive</u> Heathrow on U.S. M.A.T. plane No. 8611 accompanied by: Mr. Bokhari (Ambassadorial rank) Mr. Per Lind (Personal Aide) Mr. Stavropolous (Legal Adviser) Miss Alm (P.A.) Mr. W. Ranallo (Admin. Officer)
	1300 hrs.	<u>Lunch</u> with the Secretary of State and Lady Eden at Dorney Wood, Burnham, Bucks (Tel. Burnham 54), accompanied by: Mr. Bokhari Mr. Lind Mr. W.D. Allen
	1900 hrs. (for 1930)	<u>Dine</u> (town clothes) with Mr. Nutting at 6 Chester Square, accompanied by: Professor Waldock Mr. Stavropolous Mr. C. Crowe Mr. Pink <u>or</u> Mr. W.D. Allen
	-	<u>Stay</u> at Claridges overnight.
Jan. 1	0930 hrs.	<u>Depart</u> Heathrow in B.O.A.C. Argonaut for Orly (Paris). Onward timings are:-
	0930 1200 hrs.	Arrive Orly.
	1330 hrs.	Depart Orly.
	2240 hrs.	Arrive Beirut.
	2340 hrs.	Depart Beirut.
Jan. 2	1040 hrs.	Arrive Karachi.
	1210 hrs.	Depart Karachi.
	1535 hrs.	Arrive New Delhi.

(All timings are local)

2. Arrangements on Arrival on December 31 are:

Transport

United Nations Headquarters in London are providing a limousine for the Secretary-General, and 1 car and a baggage van for the rest of the party.

Cars for Mr. Pink, Mr. Allen and Mr. Bordewich to be provided by the Foreign Office Car Pool.

Police

Outriders will be provided for the Secretary-General during his stay in London.

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Press

United Nations Headquarters are sending a Press Officer to Heathrow.

3. Departure Arrangements on January 1 are:

Transport

Same arrangements as for the arrival. United Nations will look after Professor Waldoek and Dr. Nystrom also.

4. Passengers are:

Mr. Hammarskjold (berth)
Professor Waldoek (berth)
Mr. Bokhari
Mr. Per Lind
Dr. Nystrom
Miss Alm
Mr. Ranallo
Mr. Stavropolous (very doubtful starter)

Waldoek's Return
Is he going?

Note: Dr. Nystrom is travelling to London from Sweden and is staying at the Mandeville Hotel.

Professor Waldoek is staying at Claridges for the night of December 31, and it is understood that he will arrive there about 1500 hours.

5. During the stop at Orly, it is understood that Monsieur Mendès-France will arrive at the airfield at 1230 hours and will leave again at 1330 hours. Take-off of the aircraft can be retarded if necessary.

E. B. Chaplin

CONFERENCE & SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

December 30, 1954.

Distribution

Mr. T. Grady
Mr. C.R.A. Rae
Mr. C. Crowe
Mr. I.T.M. Pink
Mr. W.D. Allen
Colonel Vergin
Mr. J. Bordewich
Miss Clarke
File
Spares (for U.N.) - 12

Apartment 318-19

CLARIDGE'S

(NEW CLARIDGE'S HOTEL LIMITED)

BROOK STREET, LONDON, W.1

D. Hanmaeskjold, Esq.

VISITORS SHOULD RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL RECEIPT FOR ALL PAYMENTS MADE.
ACCOUNTS ARE DUE THE DAY THEY ARE RENDERED.

Date	31	1	2
Dec. 1954			
Jan. 1955	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		15 2 3	
Apartments	12 12 -		
Service	1 18 -		
Servant's Room			
Servant's Board			
Breakfast		11 6	
Luncheon			
Dinner			
Supper			

apartments

NEW CLARIDGE'S HOTEL LIMITED

CLARIDGE'S

Apartment 318-19 NoC 29770

received with thanks from
D. Hanmaeskjold
the sum of *£ 15 14 2*



Date 31-12-54 Cashier *[Signature]*

Private Functions	9 -		
Disbursements	1 6	5	
(for details, please see over)			
Carried forward	15 2 3	15 14 2	
Less Credits			
		15 14 2	

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Servant's Board			
Breakfast		11 6	
Luncheon			
Dinner			
Supper			
Coffee, Sandwiches.....			
Beers, Spirits and Tobacco			
Waters.....	19		
and Cigarettes.....			
at—Breakfast			
Luncheon			
Dinner			
Luncheon			
Dinner			
Private Functions.....			
Disbursements	16	5	
(for details, please see over)			
Carried forward.....	15 2 3	15 14 2	
Less Credits.....			
		15 14 2	

DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Date	<i>31.</i>			<i>1.</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
London Calls			16			
Total			16			
Telephone Calls { Trunk Calls.....						
Overseas Radio						
Telegrams and Cables.....						
Postage.....						
Newspapers and Books						5
Pressing						
Laundry						
Dry Cleaning.....						
Hairdressing Saloons						
Car Hire.....						
Taxis, etc.						
Transport of Baggage.....						
Messenger						
Theatre Tickets.....						
Cash paid on delivery for parcels, etc.						
Total			16			5

Telephone Calls

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