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DAG HAMMARSKJOLD SECRETARY GENERAL UNITED NATIONS

CARE PRIME MINISTER PEKING

NEWSPAPERS REPORT POSSIBILITY YOUR PASSING THROUGH

HONGKONG ON WAY BACK NEWYORK STOP AS YOU AWARE I AM

HERE FOR ECAFE TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WHICH OPENED

TODAY AND WILL CONCLUDE 12TH STOP WOULD APPRECIATE

CABLING YOUR ITINERARY

LOKANATHAN ECAFE HONGKONG

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CARE PRIME MINISTER LOKANATHAN ECAFE HONGKONG ALSO 12TH

8 January 1955

LOKANATHAN
ECAFÉ
HONGKONG

ACCORDING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ARRIVE HONGKONG VERY EARLY AFTERNOON
12 JANUARY PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TOKYO

HAMMARSKJOLD

BRITISH EMBASSY,

PEKING

January 8, 1955

Dear Mr. Hammarskjöld,

Hugo Wistrand telephoned to me last night about your arrangements for your return journey via Hong Kong. I have accordingly telegraphed to the Governor of Hong Kong informing him that, subject to confirmation, you propose to leave Peking on Tuesday, January 11, and arrive at the frontier by train on the morning of Wednesday, January 12. I have said that on present arrangements you plan to leave Hong Kong by B.O.A.C. for Tokyo on January 13.

I have asked the Governor of Hong Kong whether he can offer you accommodation and have you met at the frontier. I am sure that there will be no difficulty about this. I have also told him that you will not meet any press representatives whilst you are in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,
Humphrey Trevelyan.

(Humphrey Trevelyan)



MEMORANDUM

Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d'Affaires has been informed that the Secretariat of the United Nations has enquired whether arrangements can be made for the Chinese aircraft carrying the Secretary-General and his party on their return journey to fly direct from Peking to Hong Kong.

2. The competent authorities of Her Majesty's Government have been consulted and the necessary arrangements can be made, provided that the final stage of the aircraft's journey is from Canton to Hong Kong. It will also be necessary for safety and navigational reasons for the procedures set out in the annex to this Memorandum to be observed, particularly in view of the difficult approach and congestion at Kai Tak Airport, Hong Kong.

3. Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d'Affaires assumes that the Secretary-General will wish to approach the Chinese authorities in the first instance about the proposal to fly through to Hong Kong in a Chinese aircraft, but Her Majesty's Embassy will be pleased to discuss with the Chinese authorities any detailed arrangements which require to be made with the Government of Hong Kong concerning the flight.

4. In the meantime Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d'Affaires will be grateful to receive for the information of the Governor of Hong Kong the following details:

- (a) The Secretary-General's destination after leaving Hong Kong;
- (b) the approximate times of arrival at and departure from Hong Kong;
- (c) the names of members of the Secretary-General's party.

January 7th, 1955.



ANNEX.

Procedures to be observed in connection with the
proposed flight of the Secretary-General from
Peking to Hong Kong.

1. The aircraft should be routed from Canton direct to a point 22 degrees 11 minutes North, 113 degrees 40 minutes East, at a height of 5,500 feet, thence via Cheung Chau Beacon to Kai Tak.
2. The flight will be subject to the ruling of the Director of Civil Aviation at Hong Kong on weather conditions at the time.
3. Information regarding the type of aircraft, the registration number and the estimated time of arrival should be sent to the Governor, Hong Kong, in advance.
4. The aircraft should pick up at Canton two members of the Hong Kong Department of Civil Aviation to advise on approach and landing at Kai Tak. These officials would proceed to Canton beforehand by rail.
5. The aircraft should contact Hong Kong Air Traffic Control on leaving Canton on frequency VH/F 119.7 kilocycles.
6. There should be one member of the aircraft crew who can speak English.
7. No members of the aircraft crew should be in military uniform.
8. The aircraft should return forthwith by the same route to Canton. Since the airport does not operate after dark, this would mean that the aircraft must arrive at Hong Kong before 1530 hours Hong Kong time.



BRITISH EMBASSY,
PEKING.

Arrangements in Hong Kong for Secretary-General's
Party.

1. Accommodation. The Secretary-General, Mr. Lind and Mr. Ranello will be accommodated at Government House. Accommodation is being arranged for the remainder of the party.
2. Cars at Frontier. The arrangements with Cooks have been confirmed.
3. Flight to Tokyo. S.A.S. are specially delaying a flight overnight and can take the whole party, leaving Kai Tak at 0800 hours on Wednesday January 12th and arriving at Tokyo 1645 hours Tokyo time. Firm bookings have been made on this flight for the whole party less Mr. Nystrom and the B.O.A.C. bookings have been cancelled.
4. Special Train. Arrangements have been made to enable the special train to cross the frontier to Lowu.

January 10, 1955.