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- a) Hoegh, Leo A. (Governor of Iowa)  
- 1 cable to D.H.
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- 3 letters to A. Cordier (Exec. Assist. to D.H.)

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DES MOINES, IOWA

28 January 1955

TO DAG HAMMARSKJOLD  
SECRETARY GENERAL  
UNITED NATIONS

FROM: LEO A. HOECH, GOVERNOR OF IOWA

PARENTS IMPRISONED AIRMAN CAPTAIN <sup>would</sup> FISCHER, <sup>Swia</sup> ~~SIOWK~~ CITY, UNDERSTANDABLY  
DISAPPOINTED AT DECISION OUR STATE DEPARTMENT. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY  
SUGGEST THAT PROPER OFFICIALS EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING BETWEEN  
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SINCERELY BELIEVE THIS SUGGESTION WOULD OVERCOME OBJECTIONS OF OUR  
STATE DEPARTMENT.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

2 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 16, N.Y.  
MURRAY HILL 3-6810

January 26, 1955

Dear Andy:

I have spoken to the Ambassador concerning the letter which the Secretary-General received from Congressman Lane.

The Ambassador does not feel that it would be proper for him to answer this letter since it was not addressed to him, and has directed me to return it.

Sincerely,

C. Stanton Babcock  
Brig Gen USA  
Counselor of Mission

Enclosure

Mr. Andrew W. Cordier,  
Executive Assistant to the  
Secretary-General,  
United Nations, New York.

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January 29, 1955

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Dear Andy:

The Ambassador has directed me to return this telegram which the Secretary-General received from Governor Hoegh of Iowa.

Ambassador Lodge received a similar telegram from the Governor and has referred it to the Department for action.

Sincerely yours,

*Stan*

C. Stanton Babcock  
Brig Gen USA  
Counselor of Mission

Mr. Andrew Cordier,  
Executive Assistant to the  
Secretary General of the United Nations,  
United Nations, New York.

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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February 1, 1955

Dear Andy:

Thank you very much for forwarding to me a copy of the Secretary-General's reply to Congressman Lane's letter of January 21, 1955.

Sincerely,

*Stan*

C. Stanton Babcock  
Brig Gen USA  
Counselor of Mission

Mr. Andrew Cordier,  
Executive Assistant to the  
Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
United Nations, New York.