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Corresp. (2 letters) D. H — Mr & Mrs Fischer (parents
of American flier, prisoner in China)
(Iowa)

C O P Y

Swea City Iowa March 26 1955

Mr Dag Hammarkjold Secretary Of the Un,.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,.

I am writing you in regards of are Son Captain Harold Fischer who is still being held by the Communists,.
As you have had one meeting with Chou En-Lai and got some pictures of are son and the other boys but was unsuccessful in getting there realease, I was wandering if you would try again and mabe you would be able to get there release this time. It will not be long now and the Korea war will be over and going in to the third year since it has being over, and these boys are not free yet so I think we should try and do every thing that can be done to get the boys back, as this is the first time in many years that a thing like this has happned were are boys were not returned after a war.

Chou/En-Lai said to you in your meeting that the parents of the boys could come and see there sons, we are ready to go and see are son just as soon as the State Department will give us the pass port so we can do so. We belive there can be a lot gained by going over there and it, could all so bring the release of Captain Fischer and the other boys.

Yours truly

Mr & Mrs Harold Fischer (sign.)

Mr. & Mrs Harold Fischer Sr.

C O P Y

SG 459/063

11 April 1955

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fischer,

In reply to your letter regarding your son, Captain Harold Fischer, I would like you to know that I am continuing my efforts to seek the release of him and the other American prisoners and that I will not relax in so doing as long as I see the slightest chance of success.

I have the greatest sympathy for your wish to go and see your son. However, I feel that the present time would not be appropriate for such a visit. The situation demands a great deal of patience from all of us and considerable fortitude from those, such as yourself, whose privation is the greatest.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fischer, Sr.,
Swea City, Iowa.