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Dear Dag
Butterworth, Walton W. (Embassy of the U.S.A.
in London, England)

- 1 letter to D.H.
- 1 letter from D.H.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

August 3, 1955

Person

Dear Dag:

I cannot resist sending a personal word to congratulate you on achieving the release of our airmen. I did so admire your courage in undertaking the venture -- and none knew better than you what a venture it was. I must admit that at the time I did not imagine that you would have such interfering competition without which no doubt your devising would have borne fruit long hence.

Virginia and I do hope that we will see you here in the not too distant future. We have taken a house in the country for most of the summer because the Aldriches have gone on home leave and I cannot get away until the autumn at which time we hope to be able to take home leave.

All the best.

As ever,

Walsh
W. Walton Butterworth

His Excellency
Dag Hammarskjöld,
Secretary General
of the United Nations,
Geneva, Switzerland.

13 August 1955

Dear Walt,

Your kind letter of 3 August made me very happy. I shall always remember my visit to you on the way out to Peking as well as our meeting at the airport. On those occasions I felt so strongly your understanding and confidence which is reflected again in your letter. You cannot imagine how encouraging it is to get this reaction from somebody who is not only a close and much admired friend, but also one with extraordinary insight in the professional problems and in relations with the Far East.

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I enclose - indiscretely - for your personal information a copy of Chou En-lai's message concerning the release of the eleven. Indirectly I think it confirms your view about the "interfering competition" which I would guess has cost us something like one to two months.

I am happy to hear that Virginia and you intend to come back here on home-leave in the fall. I am looking forward to that very much. You must let me know in good time so that I get a real chance of seeing you both.

With my warmest regards to Virginia and yourself.

Yours ever,

Encl.

His Excellency Mr. W. Walton Butterworth
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London, England