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- 1 letter from D.H.
- 1 cable from D.H.
- 1 cable to D.H. (via A. Cordier)

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1124 FOR SECRETARY GENERAL HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM MR PEARSON QUOTE EYE SHOULD LIKE TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS
TO THOSE YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FOR THE PART YOU PLAYED IN
SECURING THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING UNITEDNATIONS PERSONNEL
IMPRISONED IN CHINA AFTER THE KOREAN WAR UNQUOTE

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HIS EXCELLENCY

MR M PEARSON

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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OTTAWA (CANADA)

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HAMMARSKJOLD

Secretary-General

5 August 1955 - poste 2102

13 August 1955

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By cable I have already thanked you for the kind congratulations on the release of the eleven. Let me do it again in this more personal way and let me for your personal information enclose a copy of Mr. Chou En-lai's rather unusual message concerning the release.

As you may have heard I returned from Geneva a couple of days ago. The impression of the Atomic Conference was very strong indeed, and everything seemed to work out in a most satisfactory manner. I gave considerable time to discussions concerning the right way to follow up the conference. Although I had no time to talk personally to Dr. Lewis, you may have heard about my plans as I asked Bunche to inform him.

You will remember that I have to report on the Conference to the General Assembly. That report is obviously the document in which I should present such recommendations as I may find called for. At present my idea is simply to prolong until further the life of the Advisory Committee as a consultative body with its present composition and procedure. The proposal may seem modest and should not meet any objections. However, in its implications it is far reaching. If we maintain this highly qualified advisory body, it will provide the Secretariat with necessary technical assistance and the much needed authority in this new field during the period when we have to follow up many things likely to grow out of the Conference. It will also provide means to handle administratively - and I hope politically - the task which would be ours if the American proposal concerning collection of data about fall-out and radiation were to meet with the approval of the General Assembly.

His Excellency Mr. Lester B. Pearson
Secretary of State for External Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

Finally it introduces an element which may, at least, facilitate a solution of the question how to relate the Agency to the United Nations. On this last point I feel more strongly than ever that a construction of the Agency as a specialized agency, automatically coming under the authority of the Economic and Social Council, would be a mistake. Similarly, the Agency could not be subordinated to the Security Council. However, it has finally somehow to be related to the General Assembly, and that would require either the Secretariat or a special assembly committee as a bridge between the Agency and the Assembly: in both cases the maintenance of the Advisory Committee is likely to help in the right direction.

Do we have any chance of seeing you here in New York before the General Assembly? It was a pleasure, indeed, to meet you in San Francisco - a pleasure, however, which made me long even more for a more frequent contact.

May I thank you for your kind assistance in settling the Burns question. As you may have seen, the renewal of his contract has met with universal approval.

With kind regards,

Encl.