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Nehru, J. P. (Prime Minister of India)

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Yours sincerely,
Dag Hammarskjöld
Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs
New Delhi, India

8 September 1955

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Enclosed I send you a copy of my report to the General Assembly on the fliers issue. This report is the end of one chapter in the development of the United Nations' relations with China. On this occasion I wish to express to you my gratitude for the contribution that you and your government in this and other contexts have made to the straightening out of Far Eastern problems, vital for the progress of the work for peace as well as for the United Nations as an instrument for that work.

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