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Baumer, William H. (Major, USAF,
Walter Reed Army Hospital)

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

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Please, reply!
And in a bit beyond
the printer.

Walter Reed Army Hoospital

Washington, D. C., September 16, 1955

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Dr. Hjalmar A. C. Hammarskjöld,
United Nations, New York

Dear Dr. Hammarskjöld,

On behalf of the eleven United States Air Force officers and men recently released from China, and their families, I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the efforts you extended toward obtaining that release. You may be assured that our appreciation is felt much more deeply than could be expressed here.

May God's blessing rest with you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Baumer
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Major, United States Air Force

WHB:cjs

20 September 1955

Dear Major Baumer,

Let me tell you how deeply grateful I am for your very kind letter on behalf of the eleven American airmen on the occasion of their release from China. It is to me a source of great satisfaction that you are back home, and I am happy to share in your joy.

It was a privilege for me as Secretary-General, in accordance with the task entrusted to me by the General Assembly of the United Nations, to engage in efforts towards seeking the release of captured United Nations personnel. In carrying out my duties as a servant of the United Nations, nothing could be more rewarding and encouraging than such a fine and genuine expression of appreciation as yours.

I have heard with deep sympathy about your operation. It is my warm hope that you will quickly and well find your way back to health.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

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