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31 Oct. - 12 Nov.

- a) Redmond, Ruth (mother of a prisoner in China)
- 1 letter to D.H. (31 Oct.)
- b) Cook, Charles D. (U.S. Mission to the U.N.)
- 1 letter to Per Lind, 12 Nov.
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Yonkers, New York

31 October 1955

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

I have had the pleasure of meeting you, when you were kind enough to give of your valuable time to see me about my son, Hugh, who is in prison in Red China. I have followed very closely every move that has been made in that direction and you have my deepest admiration. I sincerely believe that you are responsible for the gains that have been made. After five full years of silence that my son has been in prison, I have today received my first letter from him. After the uncertainty of whether he was living or not and if he was, in what condition he might be, and then to hear that he is in fairly good health, has given me a new lease on life.

The silver lining is starting to show through the dark clouds and I feel sure our goal will soon be accomplished and Hugh will be back home.

I want you to know how grateful I am for your untiring efforts.

My sincere thanks,

Mrs. Ruth Redmond /s/

8 Floral Lane

Yonkers, New York

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11 November 1955

Personal and Confidential

Dear Charles,

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Enclosed I am sending copy of a letter to the Secretary-General from Mrs. Ruth Redmond informing him that recently, for the first time, she received a letter from her son in Red China.

I thought that this information would be of interest to you. I have not been able to find the name of Redmond in the lists of missing United States personnel believed to be in China, which we received from your delegation before the trip to Peking. May I ask you to be kind enough to check whether any information is available that ought to be considered in connexion with the Secretary-General's reply to Mrs. Redmond.

Yours sincerely,

Per Lind

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November 12, 1955

Dear Per:

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The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 11 November enclosing a copy of a letter to the Secretary-General from Mrs. Redmond.

I have conveyed the information to the Department of State in Washington and requested them to ascertain whether there is anything we can provide you with that would assist in the Secretary-General's reply to Mrs. Redmond.

I hope that we can hear from the Department at an early date and we will inform you as soon as we have word.

Yours sincerely,

Charles D. Cook

Mr. Per Lind
Personal Assistant to the
Secretary-General of the
United Nations.