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Prisoner in China)

- 1 letter to D.H., 6 Jan.
- A. N. Cordier's reply, 1 letter, 30 Jan.

6 January 1956
Stockton, California

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Please, proceed.*

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Mr. Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General
United Nations Organization
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold:

After my release from prison in Kunming, Yunnan Province in Communist China on September 17, 1955, I took all action I could to obtain the release of three French men who were also held in the Kunming prison - all of them having been captured by the Chinese Communists in Indo-china and brought back into Yunnan to be imprisoned. I was happy to receive the news on December 28 that all of these men had been released at Hong Kong. Just now I have received a letter from one of them, Lt. Georges Eychenie, in which he tells me that in the months of August through October of last year he was in direct contact with a Siamese captain, Thalonun That, who was being held in the same prison compound in Kunming. This Siamese captain was captured by the Communists in Korea on March 13, 1953 and most certainly should have been released a long time ago under the terms of the Korean Armistice.

I am bringing this matter to your attention in the hopes that appropriate action can be taken to obtain Captain That's release at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

L.R. Buol

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30 January 1956

Dear Mr. Buol,

Before he left on his visit to the Middle East and Asia, the Secretary-General asked me to acknowledge your letter of 6 January conveying information about Captain Thalonun That, who was reported as having been seen in a prisoner of war camp in Kunming. The Secretary-General asked me to thank you for this information of which he has made careful note.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew W. Cordier
Executive Assistant to
the Secretary-General

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