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OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: OWEN GENEVA

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 27 July 1959

NUMBER: 1457

Iraq representative gave today his Government's reaction to my letter on Malling. While they were pleased by the high seniority of candidate, they felt that "it might be desirable to have somebody with wider economic experience". I asked somewhat brutally whether they meant really what they said in which case there was no worry as you and I were the judges of his competence, or whether this was a polite way of saying that they did not want the man. The representative naturally did not come out in the clear. However, later on he complained about present arrangements re acting resrep, saying that it should be changed if, as now could be expected, some time would elapse before new resrep could be appointed. I replied that Malling might come within a fortnight, which finally put Iraqi man against wall. He said that although they of course did in no way doubt competence of Malling nor felt in any way embarrassed by his present and previous positions, he thought that it would be desirable to have a solution which did not give rise to hesitation on either side.

Obviously, the situation is that they are embarrassed by appointment but consider it impossible to say so. What they seem to prefer is to get present UNESCO man appointed as acting resrep a.i. He is said to be an Indian. I guess real worry is that they would like to avoid antagonising a certain party by giving approval to any definite appointment. In this situation we are on the one side free to pursue the Malling appointment, but on the other hand we have reason to consider whether that is best policy line. No immediate decision is necessary as Iraq rep was reporting back to his Government and a reaction may be expected within a week or so which might help to clarify position.

This cable is thus only for your information in order to enable you to think over problem, especially as regards idea to continue with acting arrangement as suggested. I shall communicate with you again when I have got next reaction from Baghdad.

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TO: OWEN GENEVA  
FROM: SECGEN  
DATE: 29 July 1959  
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I shall take care of the Malling end of the story.

INCOMING CODE CABLE

TO: SECRETARY GENERAL  
FROM: OWEN, GENEVA  
DATE: 29 JULY 1959 1349  
NUMBER: UNGVA 1579

Thank you for your 1457. I will reflect on the points you raise meanwhile await news of reaction Baghdad to report of your interview still hope they will accept Malling but realise alternative plan<sup>y</sup> may be necessary. Our present Baghdad arrangements are indefensible except as very short term expedient on the other hand Kazmi the Indian UNESCO expert who is now lobbying hard in Baghdad for the Acting appointment with view later confirmation as Resident Representative does not inspire confidence. We have had several adverse reports moreover Indian Ambassador in Baghdad told Sudhir Sen that he considered Kazmi most unsuitable. Do you wish me to keep Malling informed or are you handling this directly yourself.

Mr. David Owen, Executive Chairman, TAB

17 March

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The Secretary-General

Jens Malling, TAB Resident Representative in Iraq

1. At Mr. Malling's request, TAB has extended his service in Baghdad from 1 April to 15 May 1961.
2. Mr. Malling has now been offered, and accepted, an Ambassador post within the Swedish Foreign Service. The offer could not have been anticipated by Mr. Malling as it was prompted by a death in the Swedish Service.
3. In order to meet the Swedish Government's request that Mr. Malling be available 15 May and in view of the necessity for him to have some time for private preparations before that date, Mr. Malling now requests permission to leave Baghdad by 1 April as originally planned.
4. In view of the circumstances I consider it reasonable to accede to Mr. Malling's request to leave Baghdad on 1 April or as soon after that date as urgent matters permit.

*Hand signed Ra Wadhwanishi .*

*D. O.*

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