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His Excellency Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld,
Secretary-General of the United Nations.



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TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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August 17, 1959.

Dag Dag,

As I mentioned on the telephone this morning, the Minister of State will put to the Russian Ambassador in London this afternoon our proposal for the appointment by you of a Fact-Finder in Laos. He will suggest that the two co-Chairmen should send you a message in the following terms:-

"In order to resolve these differing points of view and to reduce tension the co-Chairmen have decided to request you to appoint an impartial Fact-Finder to seek information on the position on the frontiers of Laos and North Vietnam and to address his report both to you and to the co-Chairmen. On receipt of that report the co-Chairmen would consider the matter further in consultation with you."

You will notice that the terms of reference now proposed for the Fact-Finder differ somewhat from those indicated in the second

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His Excellency Mr. Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General of the United Nations.

paragraph of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd's message of August 5 to you. The modification is a result of discussions between our Ambassador in Vientiane and the Government of Laos, who were unwilling to agree at this stage that the Fact-Finder should be asked to make recommendations. They insisted that the decision as to whether he should make recommendations should be taken later in the light of his report.

Yours sincerely,

Harold
(H. Beeley)