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Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
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London, England.

22 August 1959

Dear Selwyn,

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In view of your very special position and responsibility in the Laos affair, I send you for your personal information copies of a letter from Mr. Panya and my reply, and of a letter of today from me to Mr. Nehru.

Frankly, I am less and less hopeful about any success of your approach to Mr. Gromyko. Likewise, I am afraid that nothing will come out of the pressure which I now put on Mr. Nehru. If so, I fear that the choice may be one between disintegration in Laos which cannot be stopped by any "Lebanese" manoeuvre - as some people may think - or the convening of the Commission under some nice face-saving formula which, in retrospect, we may one day feel that we should have found long ago. I am reminded of what one of the Berlin senators said to me in the course of a recent visit to the States: "it is alright to be firm, if you have a policy".

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