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Dear Dag,

I am sending an envelope of newspaper clippings with Dabezies. He is leaving in a few minutes so I will make a few hurried remarks.

I intend to see Dobrynin in a few minutes as soon as he arrives to show him the press release and then contact Sobolev. The slant of the Soviet press seems to be one which Dobrynin does not find too unsatisfactory. He notes that they make a careful distinction between you and the situation which is illegal. Of course there is criticism of you for allowing yourself to become involved in an illegal situation. If I find a convenient occasion with Kuznetsov and Sobolev I would like to reiterate and enlarge on what I once said to Sobolev regarding the background of the September fourth meeting and your role in the whole matter. I am sure that they understand it but it deserves a bit of repetition. I do not think that the situation has in any sense deteriorated since you left. You will notice for example that Joe Lash states that there may be as much difficulty with the US as the USSR before we reach the end of the road.

You must be having an extremely delicate time there. I agree thoroughly with you with regard to their press release. It certainly would be a matter of elemental courtesy for you, at least during your stay there, to see all government press releases before they are released. We will do what we can here to throw the necessary cold water on incorrect interpretations from them.

Phil will be in in a few minutes and I will put him to work at once on your request to have an officer from ECAFE and U Nyun himself if possible. I am a little doubtful whether he is in Bangkok just now but we will find out.

I talked to Tuomioja in Geneva this morning. Everything is now ready at his end.



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I am sending you a copy of the Plenary Agenda for Tuesday. There is now talk of a split term as a way of solving the Polish/Turkish impass^E_A although Poland has so far refused to consider it.

The Assembly most likely will have to be lengthened by one week although it is both too early to admit it or to take the necessary steps to change the date. Sir Leslie now plans to submit an additional item on Hungary which will certainly prolong the Debate in the First Committee or Plenary by nearly a week.

Anatele was enthusiastic about the press release and engaged in his usual hearty laugh in his approval of it. He said "Dag has done it again". I agreed with him that some people^{WILL} lift their eyebrows but he and I shared the ^{VIEW THAT WAS A}light_A of this sound change of emphasis.

I have just now read the release to Sobolev who appreciated advance knowledge of it and seemed generally happy with it. His comment was "So there will be a UN presence there". In the exchange, we chatted a bit about the words "temporary" and "permanent". I think he understood the meaning of the word "temporary" as implying something that might go beyond four weeks. I emphasized the temporary character of the operation. He seemed generally satisfied with the release.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andy".