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Byroade, Henry A. (U.S. Ambassador in Cairo)

- 1 letter to O.H.
- 1 encl. (Statement from the White House)
- 1 letter from O.H.

American Embassy, Cairo

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April 11, 1956

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold:

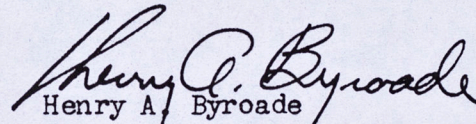
My Government is very anxious that you know of the steps it has taken to promote the success of your mission.

President Eisenhower has sent personal messages to the Prime Ministers of Egypt and Israel re-affirming United States support of your mission in the fullest measure. A copy of the letter to Prime Minister Gamal Abd el Nasser is attached as Enclosure No. 1. In addition the White House has issued a public statement directed toward the same objective and reiterating the firm intention of the United States to observe its commitments under the United Nations Charter and its determination to support and assist any nation in the Middle East which might be subjected to aggression. A copy of the statement is also attached as Enclosure No. 2. In view of the personal and private character of the President's message to the Prime Minister (Enclosure No. 1) I would appreciate your returning that letter to me through the same channels in which it has been delivered to you.

For reasons which I am sure you readily understand, I am not taking the initiative in calling on you but wish to take this occasion to express my personal wishes for your success. I would, of course, be most happy to meet with you at your convenience should you so desire.

Sincerely,

Enclosures: 2

  
Henry A. Byroade  
Ambassador

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold  
The Secretary General of the  
United Nations.

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Enclosure No. 2

Statement from the White House - April 9, 1956

"Before leaving the White House, the President met with the Secretary of State for a discussion of repeated incidents of hostility in the Middle East.

"The President and the Secretary of State regard the situation with the utmost seriousness.

"In their discussions concerning the area, they are guided by fundamental principles of United States' foreign policy, which are designed to promote and strengthen world peace.

"Therefore:

"(1) The United States will support in fullest measure the mission of the Secretary General of the United Nations to the area, pursuant to the unanimous action of the Security Council, the body on which all the members of the United Nations have conferred primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. The United States trusts that all United Nations member countries, including particularly the states directly involved will similarly support that mission of peace.

"(2) The United States, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, will observe its commitments within constitutional means to oppose any aggression in the area.

"(3) The United States is likewise determined to support and assist any nation which might be subjected to such aggression. The United States is confident that other nations will act similarly in the case of peace."

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At Cairo, 11 April 1956

Dear Mr. Byroade,

I am grateful to you for your message this afternoon concerning the steps taken by the United States Government to promote the success of the United Nations mission.

I return at once the President's message to the Prime Minister, through the same channels in which it has been delivered to me.

I appreciate very much the efforts made by the United States Government in support of what I am trying to do. They have certainly contributed to create an atmosphere in which it was possible for me, this morning, to have a brutally frank and, as I believe, useful exchange of views with Colonel Nasser.

I easily understand your reasons not to call on me. I regret that on my various visits I have, myself, to observe a restraint which goes beyond what I would find natural under other circumstances. Let us hope that the situation develops so as to permit me, at some later stage, to meet with you.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld  
Secretary-General

The Honorable  
Mr. Henry A. Byroade  
United States Ambassador  
Cairo