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corresp. - Sec. Gen — Arkady A. Sobolev (Perm. Repr. of  
the USSR to the U.N.)

20 July 1958

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Sobolev called me around 11 a.m. on the telephone and said that he wanted to see me later in the day in order to hand over a letter, the content of which I already knew. Due to some technical difficulties he had not been in a position to deliver the letter first thing in the morning, but I should "as from now" regard myself as having received it (with the contents as noted from the New York Times) so that I could take action on it without having to wait.

Dag Hammarskjöld

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680 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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The Soviet Government expresses its hope that you will render every assistance to the positive solution of this question.

I would appreciate if you arrange for distributing these documents as official United Nations documents among all the member-states.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed)

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Handed to SG by Sobolev on 20 July 1958 at 5.30 pm

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Sincerely Yours

A. Sobolev  
Permanent Representative  
of the USSR to the UN

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold  
Secretary-General of  
the United Nations,  
New York, N.Y.

21 July 1958

Sir,

As Permanent Delegate of the USSR to the United Nations you transmitted to me yesterday copies of messages which Mr. N.S. Khrushchev, President of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, had sent, on 19 July 1958, to Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, to Mr. Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, to Mr. Charles A. de Gaulle, President of the Council of Ministers of France, and to Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India. In the letter to me with which the documents were transmitted the Soviet Government expresses its hope that I, as Secretary-General of the United Nations, will take part in the suggested Conference of Heads of State.

I note that in the letters you propose that the recommendations which may emerge from the meeting should be submitted to the Security Council. The primary responsibility of the United Nations in this situation should, in my view, be given the fullest possible application in the arrangements for and in the conduct of a high-level meeting, were it to come about.

I have no reason to express, in this context, a personal opinion on any of the questions of substance raised in or by the letters. Nor is it for me to judge whether a high-level meeting would provide the best means of improving on the present disturbing situation in the region. I must leave the decision on that point to the Heads of Governments approached. Were they to agree on the desirability of a meeting, with the participation of the Secretary-General, in accordance with the view expressed above, I would consider it to be within my rights and duties to accept and would gladly do so.

I would be grateful if you would transmit this reply to Mr. N.S. Khrushchev, President of the Council of Ministers of the USSR.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld.

His Excellency,  
Mr. A.A. Sobolev,  
Permanent Representative of  
the USSR to the United Nations,  
Permanent Mission of the USSR,  
to the United Nations,  
680 Park Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

handed TO  
on 21 July '58  
2.45 pm