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Note for Correspondents

31 July 1958

TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN'S REPLY TO  
MR. KHRUSHCHEV'S LETTER OF JULY 28

I have received your letter of July 28. I will not reply to its many accusations against allied policy in the Middle East. None of these has any foundation in fact.

2. In my letter of July 22 I proposed a special meeting of the Security Council to be attended by Heads of Government. On July 26 I elaborated this proposal. I said that I was glad that it was acceptable to you and I suggested that the necessary arrangements should at once be made through the permanent representatives of members of the Security Council. I hope that on reflection you will agree that this is the best course; I am encouraged in this hope by the passage in your last letter where you call for a return to my original proposal. From this proposal I have never departed.

3. In addition to meetings of the whole Council under Article 28 it would of course be possible to arrange less formal meetings of Heads of Government on the questions which the Security Council is considering. The procedure would thus be flexible and should promote the chances of making progress. As I said in my message of July 22 it would not be our intention that any resolutions should be put forward at this special meeting of the Security Council unless they arose out of previous agreement.

4. Of course this meeting would not preclude the holding of the Summit Meeting for which we have been working for some time.

5. I am now instructing the United Kingdom permanent representative at the United Nations to propose to the President of the Security Council a special meeting to take place under Article 28 on August 12. Meanwhile the permanent representatives should discuss arrangements for the special meeting and decide where it will take place. If this meeting is agreed I shall be there on August 12. I hope you will be there too. So far as I am concerned New York, Geneva or any other place generally agreeable will do.