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Henry Cabot Lodge (U.S. Mission to the U.N.)

- to Sec. Gen.

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Frank Carpenter, Press Officer of the U.S. Mission, met correspondents at 3:25 p.m. today.

He distributed copies of the attached letter.

In reply to questions, he said there was no significance to be attached to the fact that the letter was addressed to the Secretary-General rather than the President of the Security Council. It was expected that these informal consultations would take "some few days, not many." All members of the Council would be consulted by the Secretary-General. The U.S. also wanted to consult other members of the Council. There would be lots of consultations going on this weekend and next week.

As to the U.S. position on the representation of Iraq, for the purpose of these consultations, he said no instructions had yet been received.

Asked if these consultations eliminated the likelihood of a preliminary meeting of the Security Council, he said there might be a meeting of the Council, procedural in nature, to "firm up the results of the consultations."

Asked about the U.S. preference as to the site of the meeting, he said that this matter was one to be dealt with in the consultations. When a correspondent called attention to the statement of the Secretary-General's spokesman, he replied, "The Secretary-General's views are always considered most carefully by the U.S. Mission, and great attention is paid to them."

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UNITED STATES MISSION
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Press Release No. 2976
August 1, 1958

The following letter from Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Representative to the United Nations, to Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, was transmitted today:

"Excellency:

Enclosed herewith are copies of the letters of the President of the United States of America to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics dated July 22, 1958, July 25, 1958 and August 1, 1958 concerning a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council.

In accordance with the letter of August 1, the United States requests that a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council be convened on or about August 12 pursuant to Article 28, Paragraph 2 of the Charter, to consider certain problems of the Middle East, in accordance with an agenda item to be formulated.

In the meantime, the United States is prepared to participate in informal consultations with a view to making appropriate arrangements for the meeting.

It would be appreciated if the enclosed texts would be circulated as United Nations documents.

Accept, Excellency, etc."

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