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Yours ever,
Per Jacobsson

BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS

BASLE. 2nd April 1953.

His Excellency Dag Hammarskjöld,
Utrikesdepartementet,
Stockholm.

Dear Dag,

Please receive from my wife and myself our very best wishes on your becoming Secretary General of the United Nations. It is a great honour for yourself and also for our country and, for many reasons, I am glad that you are the person selected.

In addition to your personal qualities, you have a great administrative training, and to be the head of a large institution like the Secretariat of the United Nations requires a great deal of administrative routine and acumen.

You have further been used to dealing both with officials and politicians, which ought to stand you in good stead in your new work.

In some respects, it will, of course, be a great difference from what you have been doing hitherto. Both in Sweden and in Paris you have represented your own country and therefore spoken in the name of Sweden. Now you will have to represent much more yourself, having to make up your own mind and give your own views without having any particular government behind you. In practice, of course, you have had to speak your own mind in Paris, since there was nobody else in Sweden who knew sufficiently about the questions arising and your influence has there also depended largely on your personal qualities; but, even so, you will probably find a great change in your new position.

Thus, with every good wish, I am,

Yours ever,

Per Jacobsson

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