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London Information Centre,

1st May, 1953

Dear Miss Alm,

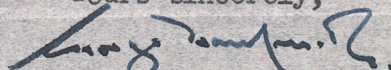
Thank you for your cable of 27 April and your letter of the same date addressed to Mr. Clark.

The Protocol Department of the Foreign Office advised me that, by Royal Command, the Lord Chamberlain's Office had been charged with arranging accommodation for distinguished official visitors. I knew that, if arrangements had already been made for Mr. Hammarskjöld, it would be difficult to request that these be changed. However, I did ask the Lord Chamberlain's Office if they would wish us to use for Mr. Hammarskjöld the accommodation previously reserved for Mr. Lie at the Goring. They replied that special arrangements had been made with the Board of Directors of the Kensington Palace Hotel to treat Mr. Hammarskjöld as a distinguished official guest during his stay in London. It was clear that they would not welcome any request for a change.

Should anybody at Headquarters remember the Kensington Palace Hotel as an old-fashioned one, I should add that it has very recently been rebuilt and taken over by the proprietors of the Connaught Hotel, one of the best in London. The new Manager was, until recently, Assistant Manager of the Dorchester. This information was given to me informally by a friend at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, and I thought I should include it because, a year ago, I would have felt that the Kensington Palace Hotel was not a fashionable hotel. It is now in no way inferior to the Goring.

I have informed the Counsellor of the Swedish Embassy of Mr. Hammarskjöld's proposed visit. I am honoured to feel that this visit will give me an opportunity to meet the Secretary-General and to assist him in any way possible during his stay in London. If you are able to advise me in advance of any special arrangements required, or preferences which may be expressed by Mr. Hammarskjöld, I should be very obliged.

Yours sincerely,



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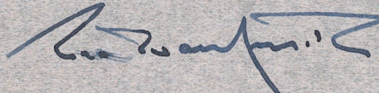
9th June, 1953

Dear Miss Alm,

The Secretary-General asked me to let you know in what form an expression of thanks would most appropriately be conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen. I confirm that the leaving of cards, or the signing of the Book, were not necessary. The Protocol Department of the Foreign Office has told me that those official guests who left London before the official leave-taking on Friday, 6th June, would in all likelihood express themselves in a letter to the Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Frederick Lascelles, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., Principal Private Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen, Buckingham Palace, London. Sir Alan Lascelles can, of course, be asked "to convey to Her Majesty the Queen" etc.

In case Mr. Hammarskjöld also wishes to write informally to his Gentleman-in-Waiting, his full name is C.L.S. Cope, Esq., United Nations (Political) Department, Foreign Office, London S.W.1.

Yours sincerely,



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