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Corresp. D.H. — L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State
for External Affairs, Canada)

I am glad to hear that you had a very successful trip to Canada and that you were able to meet with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, and other members of the Canadian Government. It is always a pleasure to meet with our friends and to discuss the various problems of the United Nations and the work which you are doing so effectively there as Secretary-General.

I hope that your stay in Ottawa was not too much for you.

Kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely,

Lester B. Pearson

Dag Hammarskjöld, Esquire,
Secretary-General,
United Nations,
New York, N.Y.



The Secretary of State for External Affairs
Canada

OTTAWA, March 4, 1954.

Dear Dag,

Thank you for your note which has just arrived. I am glad you enjoyed the Ottawa visit. I am afraid it was a very informal one without much in the form of red carpets, guards of honour, etc. That, however, was meant to be a compliment to you and reflected the feeling of close friendship as well as official admiration which your friends in Ottawa have for you. I can assure you that all the officers in the Department who had the pleasure of meeting and talking with you were grateful for that privilege and it helped to stimulate their interest in the United Nations and the work which you are doing so effectively there as Secretary-General.

I hope that Mardi Gras in Caracas was not too much for you.

Kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mike Pearson

Dag Hammarskjold, Esquire,
Secretary-General,
United Nations,
NEW YORK, N.Y.

27 February 1954

Dear Mike,

Before leaving for Caracas I wish to tell you once more how gratefully I enjoyed my visit to Canada. Thanks to your thoughtfulness my stay in Ottawa became from my point of view most pleasant and useful. It was nice indeed to be again exposed to the friendly spirit and graceful informality which, it seems to me, is such a fine characteristic feature of Canada and not least of her extremely competent group of public servants.

We had a perfect trip back on the special plane you had been so kind as to arrange for, which enables me to get in some hours of necessary work and rest before the Carnival trip tomorrow.

H.E. Mr. L.B. Pearson
Secretary of State for External Affairs
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