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Corresp. Per Lind (Office of the Sec. Gen)

— M. M. Mac Odrum (President and V-chancellor, Carleton College, Ottawa)

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3 March 1954

Dear Mr. MacOdrum,

Let me express my warm thanks for your kindness and hospitality to me on the occasion of the conferring of the honorary degree on the Secretary-General. Like him, I was impressed by the dignified charm and simplicity of the Convocation.

In talking with Mr. Hammarskjold, I have gathered that he very much liked the beautiful gown which he wore, the colour of which seemed to be unique and, intentional or otherwise, came close to the blue of the United Nations flag. I am not familiar with your practice but thought in view of this that it would be possible for us to purchase the gown for Mr. Hammarskjold's use on other like occasions. I should very much appreciate to hear your views on this matter.

With my best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Per Lind

Mr. Murdoch MacOdrum
President and Vice-Chancellor
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Get to the gown (I don't need a hood). AL

April 9, 1954.

Mr. Per Lind,
Office of the Secretary-General,
United Nations,
New York, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Lind:

Your question about our "practice" in the matter of providing, in one way or another, the gown for our LL. D. degree has made a busy man of me!

The answer, after much soul-searching (my own soul and the souls of others), seems to be that we should be highly pleased to make the gown and/or hood available to our honorary graduates at cost.

The cost of the gown to us was $90.00, of the hood $30.00. Please believe that our personal wish would be to give the gown and hood without cost. We have struggled hard with this proposal, but in the end rejected it. The principal argument against the gift has been in two parts: (1) current practice of the older universities in this country does not support it (2) with our Spartan (or you might prefer to say our Scotch) economy, contemplating other honorary graduates in succeeding years, even our honorary graduates should share in our practice of scarcity.

The policy therefore is No free gowns or hoods! That is now official, and I concur. But what bothers me is the knowledge that if the Secretary-General is not as Scotch as we are, and buys this regalia, and wears it, he will, whenever he wears it, be doing us an honour and giving us favourable publicity of a kind that no money could buy.

However, there is the policy, whatever we may think of it. And the regalia is yours to command at the price or prices mentioned.

With my best wishes.

Cordially yours,

M. M. MacOdrum,
President and Vice-Chancellor.

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14 April 1954

Dear Mr. MacOdrum,

I am very sorry to have caused you so much trouble by raising the matter of the gown for your LL.D. degree. It was only after the receipt of your kind letter of April 9th that I realized this, but I am certainly most grateful for the outcome of the considerations by you and your colleagues.

Mr. Hammarskjold has asked me to accept your kind offer to purchase the beautiful gown at the cost price of $90, check for which is enclosed. I know that he will like to wear it on future occasions and I am sure that any ensuing favourable comments on Carleton will give him nothing but pleasure. Since he doesn't need the hood, he does not intend to purchase it.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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