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— to D. H. (in Geneva)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

We have been following your work with ECOSOC with great interest here. I am delighted you were able to make the trip and give ECOSOC the kind of leadership that it needs. I am giving all of the incoming reports to members of the Survey Group.

The following items will be of interest to you:

1. Knowland and Communist China. The NGO's are now engaged in numerous conversations and meetings defining their tactical position in relation to this issue. Their action will increase in intensity during the coming weeks. The "Times" had a reasonably good editorial on the matter this morning. Dulles' statement last night was helpful but too mild.

2. The Thailand letter. Prince Wan delivered his letter to me at 3.15 today. It proved to be a little more extensive than I expected, but still in conformity with your understanding with him. It is a formal request for the inclusion of an initial item in the agenda and includes also the explanatory memorandum.

..... To make sure the delegations would understand the meaning of the present letter, we devised a third person note with a second paragraph that emphasizes the exact status of this letter and I enclose the covering note and also the copy of the letter and explanatory memorandum.

On your behalf, I'll send a copy of this communication to Madame Pandit.

3. Letter to Lodge regarding employment of staff without prior investigation. The U.S. Mission called up this morning in some consternation to say that they were seriously embarrassed by your reply to Lodge's letter. I pointed out that we were the first to be embarrassed by paragraph 4 of Lodge's letter and suggested after some discussion and much to their satisfaction that both letters be withdrawn and that Lodge send you a new letter with a modified paragraph 4. Bill Hall will be coming to the office in a few minutes to present several possible texts of the new paragraph 4.

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General,
Palais des Nations,
Geneva, Switzerland



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4. Lokanathan's acceptance of your proposal regarding a Deputy. His cabled reply to your letter of June 30 indicates that the letter seems to have had some effect subject to his reactions in his July 1st letter. I understand that a copy of his cable has already been transmitted to you.

I talked to John Pierson a few minutes ago. I think he is admirably qualified for the post as Chief of the Research Section of ECAFE. He has had considerable experience in Far Eastern economic matters. He has also done much in Washington over the last six years to support United Nations economic programmes.

5. General Burns. On your behalf I am today addressing a formal offer to General Burns outlining terms of employment.

6. The Washington meeting on the triangle north of the 38th parallel. It appears that the meeting yesterday was not definitive. Some of the delegations indicated that they had no instructions and were not able to commit themselves to a policy regarding the ROK role in this area. In the meantime several delegations, including the U.S. and the U.K., have asked for copies of our legal opinion.

7. Palestine. I am enclosing today's cable from General Bennike which indicates that the situation is still quiet and that a MAC meeting is now scheduled in the matter.

..... Mr. Rizk of Lebanon has sent you a letter on the incident, a copy of which I enclose and which has been circulated as a Security Council document.

..... 8. Inter-American Peace Committee. I enclose a letter from the Chairman of the Inter-American Peace Committee which was circulated as a Security Council document, the end of a rather extraordinary chapter in the operation of regional arrangements.

9. Clippings and letters. I will enclose in each day's pouch the daily clippings and the more important personal letters addressed to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. G. ...".

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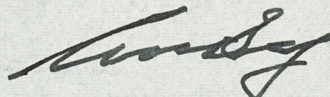
8 July 1954

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

I have just completed talking to you by telephone and in order to catch the pouch, hurriedly enclose the two attached memoranda.

As you will note, the informal notes presented orally, dated 8 July, are, to say the least, tendentious and provocative. The procedure we outlined on the phone seems to be the only possible approach to the handling of the matter. I will send you a longer letter tomorrow regarding this matter. I am also enclosing galley proof of the draft introduction to the annual report for any changes that you may wish to make.

Very sincerely yours,



Andrew W. Cordier

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8 July 1954

I am instructed to express strong objection to the circulation or disclosure of the Secretary-General's memorandum. Our objection is not based on the legal authority of the Secretary-General to circulate any document he wishes but on general policy grounds. The impact of that memorandum is not what the Secretary-General's covering letter states, that is a dry, factual review without evaluation or conclusions. The impact is rather a thinly disguised and tendentious attack upon the position taken by the United States, the Latin American members of the Security Council and the Organization of American States in the Guatemalan case.

The Department wonders whether the Secretary-General is aware of the warped presentation of the material included in the memorandum. Leaving aside the fact that the Secretary-General felt this to be a non-political document, its political repercussions are apparent and as such it is equally unbalanced. It does not refer to the fact that ten members of the Security Council in the Guatemalan case expressed the desire through their statements and their vote that the Organization of American States should assume jurisdiction in the first instance for the purpose of investigating the charges made by Guatemala. Similarly no reference is made to the 60th veto cast by the Soviet to frustrate the Council's request for OAS consideration.

Apparently the Secretary-General has not taken into account the fact that the Rio treaty is a regional security pact under Article 51 as well as Article 52 of the Charter and that at Caracas the twenty states bound

by the Rio Treaty agreed unanimously that the establishment of a Communist base in this hemisphere would endanger the peace and security of them all. Clearly, any action they might take in such an event under Article 51 would be wholly consistent with the Charter. To support any other position, even by indirection, would seriously jeopardize the operation of the North Atlantic Treaty and similar security arrangements.

We do not maintain that the Secretary-General should necessarily include specific reference to these political points in any memorandum he might wish to circulate. We do strongly maintain that failure to present a fair and objective legal analysis of the relationship between the United Nations and regional and collective security agencies at the present juncture can only be interpreted as evidence of bias on the part of the Secretary-General. The publication of the document would have serious effects in the United States at this particular moment as well as a highly unfavorable reaction in most of the Latin American countries. We fear that the disclosure of this document as at present written, with its apparent unbalance, would gravely affect the impartial standing of the Secretary-General and of his legal adviser in the Secretariat.

Finally, I am instructed to say that if the Secretary-General insists on the circulation of the memorandum, the United States may feel impelled to give the same degree of distribution to our own written comments.

*for Secretary -
General's
Approval*

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

The Secretary-General announced today the appointment of Major General E. L. M. Burns, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., of Canada as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, to succeed Major General Vagn Bennike of Denmark.

General Bennike's appointment was for one year. When it expired on 17 June 1954, the Secretary-General requested General Bennike to continue in office until a successor was appointed and had arrived in Jerusalem.

Major General E. L. M. Burns is at present Deputy Minister of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Canada. He was born in 1897 in Westmount, Quebec, and received his education at Lower Canada College, Montreal, Quebec, and the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario.

General Burns was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1915 and served during the First World War (1914-1919) with the Signals and on the Staff. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1916. Between the wars he held various staff and regimental posts in the permanent force including that of Officer in Charge of the Geographical Section, General Staff, Ottawa, in which position he directed extensive experimental work in air photo survey. He was President of the Canadian Institute of Survey, 1936-1937, and was an associate member of the Committee for Survey Research of the National Research Council. He was awarded the O.B.E. for his services in air survey development.

During the Second World War (1939-1945), General Burns held various senior staff appointments and commands. In Italy, he commanded the 5th Canadian Armoured Division in January - February 1944 and the 1st Canadian Corps during the operations in the Liri Valley when it broke through the Hitler line and during the operations on the Adriatic coast when it broke through the Gothic line and captured Rimini. Later, he was General Officer in Charge, Canadian Section, 21st Army Group, in North West Europe.

In 1945, General Burns was appointed Director General of Rehabilitation, Department of Veterans Affairs. He became Assistant Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs in 1946, and in July 1950 was appointed Deputy Minister.

General Burns has been active in the affairs of the United Nations Association in Canada, having been President of the Ottawa Branch in 1947 and 1948, and National President in 1952 and 1953. He attended the 4th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, 1949, as an alternate delegate for Canada and served mainly on the Fourth Committee.

In announcing the new appointment, the Secretary-General paid special tribute to "the conscientiousness and the high sense of duty" with which Major General Bennike discharged his heavy responsibilities as United Nations Chief of Staff during the period of his tenure. "His impartiality, his judiciousness and his personal courage won for General Bennike the admiration of the members of the Security Council and of the Secretariat. He made a real contribution during a period of severe crisis in Palestine. His efforts have earned him the gratitude of all Members of the United Nations."

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Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

1. There have been no new developments today regarding the memorandum except my call to the U.S. Mission to say that the memo would not be circulated to the U.K. and France and that consultations between you and Lodge upon your return would be awaited. The Mission was delighted with this development.

In thinking over yesterday's conversation with Wadsworth, I am slightly puzzled to know what importance they wish to attach to the "oral" comments. They were obviously prepared in a state of considerable heat, indeed almost frenzy. Jerry stressed that they were oral and informal and also added that it would be left to me to determine in what form and with what fullness I would report to you. I thought this a most unusual suggestion, for obviously I could not fail to give you a full report. It seemed to have something of the psychology of the enraged man who writes an insulting letter at night and throws it in the wastebasket in the morning. Apart, however, from ~~emotional~~ explanations covering the emotional aspects of the story, the substance of the comments will require a study of appropriate tactics to put the score right. I shall continue to give it some thought before you return.

2. Canadian technical assistance contribution

Ambassador Johnson today delivered a cheque for approximately \$1,356,000 to complete Canada's 1-1/2 million contribution to technical assistance.

3. Draft press release re General Burns

..... I am enclosing press release which we have prepared for the Burns appointment. I have indicated to Johnson that it is our wish that we hold off the announcement to the latest possible date in order to protect Bennike's position. The circumstances of General Burns' departure from the Canadian Government, however, may force their hand at a slightly earlier date than we would have hoped. If you agree with this release we will have it released simultaneously in Ottawa, New York and Jerusalem.

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4. Advisory Committee

I have been twice before the Advisory Committee -- yesterday on publications and today on the Executive Office and the Under Secretaries. The Advisory Committee also covered Legal, Finance and Personnel. Strangely, their entire questioning of Stavropoulos was focussed on the Gross, Hyde arrangement. I wish that I had been there. Stav was not in a good position to answer the questions.

We must, of course, proceed with a new contract for Gross. I shall have conversations with him next week with regard to it, including, of course, the reduction of the fee.

5. Czech protest

The Czech Delegation has sent you a letter similar to the one received from the USSR regarding their opposition to American customs formalities.

I am sending you under separate cover clippings and selected letters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andy Cordier".

Andrew W. Cordier

P.S. I have just received your code cable regarding the memos. I think the course you suggest is excellent. It is now late Friday evening so I will take the matter up with the group the first of the week. Ernie returns Monday night.

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13 July 1954

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

1. TAA Film. James Michener has now agreed with Dore Schary to assist in the production of a TAA film and has written us to the effect that he wants six or seven meetings immediately with the Film and Technical Assistance staff to develop the substance of the film. I am writing Paul Hoffman to inform him of the latest developments here regarding the film. Gabriel Pascal died last week, thus ending any obligations that Michener might seem to have had to Pascal and his agents.

2. Dr. Milton Eisenhower. Mrs. Milton Eisenhower died quite suddenly last Saturday of a blood clot. The President is attending the funeral today. I sent a message of condolence to Milton.

3. Robert Moses and erection of new signs at the Jack Frost Sugar Refining Company on the east side of East River. Bob Moses intervened against erection of the sign and sent us a copy of his intervention and then showed some anxiety to Wallace Harrison that we were not reacting. I sent Bob a note of appreciation for his intervention and told him that we would send Ernie Gross to the next hearing on July 20 to object to the erection of the sign.

4. Development of the area. Gross is now actively engaged with Peter Graham on questions relating to the development of the area. I am having him meet with Headquarters Planning people to familiarize himself with the background of city commitments on this question during the last half dozen years.

5. Employment of Manual and Clerical Workers

(a) Daily News article. The Daily News had an article this morning which I enclose, playing up differences between the U.N. and the U.S. regarding policy on the employment of staff in this category. Bill Hall was somewhat exercised by alleged leaks from U.N. staff to the newspaper, although it appears that most of the information came from Bill's half-hour conversation with the author of the article.

(b) I will send you by cable tomorrow the new text of the revised paragraph 4 of Lodge's letter. There has been some delay in reaching agreement because of internal consultation here and also in the State Department.

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General
Geneva, Switzerland



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6. Memo. Tomorrow afternoon, we will have a meeting with the Group to consider two memoranda, - one a revision of our memorandum in the light of the U.S. formal comments, and two, a separate analysis of the U.S. memorandum. Gross thoroughly agrees with the suggestions made in your cable to me regarding this matter. I will have a chat with Jerry Thursday regarding it. The U.S. comments are very loosely argued and really miss the point which we tried to make. Our effort to be objective and to free ourselves from mention of the Guatemalan case apparently accounted in part for their allegation that our memo was unbalanced.

7. General Burns. I had dinner with General Burns last night to brief him on his new assignment. Today he had long discussions with Malania, Protitch and Bunche. We were very well satisfied with his initial reactions.

8. Advisory Committee Report. I will have a discussion with Hall regarding the report as soon as we get a little more exact information as to the intentions of the Committee. The latest information is that they do not contemplate a cut as drastic as I reported to you.

9. Churchill's speech. Churchill's speech in the Commons yesterday has had very telling constructive effects in this country. Everybody to whom I talked ~~to~~ today thought that it was a masterful contribution to the allaying of fears in this country on several issues, particularly seating of Communist China.

10. Bennike Press Release. I have sent you by cable a draft press release for use by Bennike. I think it should be helpful for stimulating further public understanding of the role of operations of the MACs and also gives an open indication of your role and support of Bennike's policies.

11. Lodge letter of July 12. I thought Lodge's short letter was most inappropriate, if for no other reason than that it tended to formalize, although the letter itself was informal, the oral comments which were transmitted to me by Jerry.

12. Your return. I have checked the question of your return with Dragon and Wilder who agree that while there are certain major questions which will require your personal consideration, the time schedule is not so pressing as to cancel out the importance of a "much needed one week's vacation in Sweden." The quotes are my words. However, I will be thoroughly objective about it and will advise you contrarywise if necessary. I do feel on the memo issue



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that knowledge by the party that you were spending a few days in Sweden on vacation would not be at all unhelpful and would show that you are not too much disturbed by this event.

13. Survey Group. We are having three meetings this week to check over Bruce's drafts on various parts of the report.

14. Agenda Ninth Session. Am having a meeting this week to finalize as far as the Departments are concerned the agenda for the ninth session. I will send a copy of it to you for approval before release.

15. Letters and clippings. I am enclosing a number of personal letters and the usual clippings. I apologize for opening the personal letter in the yellow envelope which I did quite nonchalantly while talking to someone in my office. I noticed immediately that it was marked "Strictly private".

Ben Cohen does not return to New York until Friday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cohen".