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A letter from Elida Olsen Kramer (Orlando, Fla., USA)

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

June 12, 1954

Dear Mr. Hammarskjöld:

Ever since the U. N. was organized, I have been an enthusiastic supporter of its aims and accomplishments. As a member of the United World Federalists, I have contributed time, effort and money to help in spreading its influence. However, when I read in the N.Y. Herald Tribune's Sunday issue of ~~the~~ October tenth that all employees of U. N. had to take an oath of allegiance to the U. N., said oath taking precedence over allegiance to one's native country, I felt as if a wonderful light had gone out: Such an oath is exactly what so many enemies of U. N. have voiced again and again, i.e. a gradual

abnegation of national sovereignty
until all nationalism is a thing of the
past. I am utterly at a loss to understand
this move on your part: Would it be
possible for you to let me know why
you decided to make this momentous
demand? It really has me worried.

Last summer, I had a one day
stopover on a trip north in New York
City. I spent it at the U. N. and found
it a truly rewarding and uplifting
experience.

Sincerely yours,
Elida Olsen Kramer
(Mrs. Henry G. Kramer)

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