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D.H - 1 letter to Ogden Reid (New York Herald Tribune)

Dear Mr. Reid,

I have observed the editorial in the New York Herald Tribune of 12 October on "Loyalty and the UN". In the same issue you print excerpts from my statement on the 11th concerning the same matter. Unfortunately the editorial was written before the author had seen my statement, a copy of which I enclose. I am sure you will agree that a reading of this statement would have eliminated the basis for the criticism of the report issued by the International Civil Service Advisory Board. I assume that it was the date in correct the editorial that appeared in yesterday's edition, but I must confess I was disappointed not to find a further editorial correct misquoting and the author of today's paper.

This is one of those unfortunate incidents where circumstances or busy editors or careless, well or attention paid men or men of letters, certainly very well against their will, do us harm. Knowing your own friendship for the United Nations and in the light of the work which you have so kindly done for it, I felt that I should bring my protest to your attention.

Very sincerely,

13 October 1954

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Yours sincerely,

Encl.

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