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- to D.H.
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Dear Dr. Condliffe,

I am very grateful to you for your letter of 16 May listing a number of outstanding economists for possible service in the United Nations Secretariat. These names will be very helpful to me in my effort to bring increased strength to the Department of Economic Affairs.

It was a pleasure to see you at Berkeley. When you come East I do want you to drop in at Headquarters for a more extended chat.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Hammarskjöld,

It was a pleasure to me to have a chance to talk with you on Thursday and a deep satisfaction to realize what honest capable hands the secretariat has fallen into. Anything I can ever do to be of help to you, I shall feel it a privilege to do. Up till now I have been afraid of the doctrinaire, unrealistic & if I may say so unworkmanlike attitudes of the economic side of the work; but I feel sure you will give a new inspiration & tone.

It seems to me you might look into the possibilities of the following economists:

1. Trevor Swan: Professor at the Australian National University, Canberra, formerly with the ^{Commonwealth} Treasury & on one of the U.N. economic committees recently. You could get more information about him from Douglas Cofland. Folke Hilgerdt knows him also.

2. Harold Larsen: formerly of Canterbury College, Christchurch New Zealand - now with the International Bank. I have a good deal of respect for his ability, but I haven't had much chance to see him in recent years.

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3. Horace Belshaw: Professor in University College,
Wellington N.Z. My feeling is that Belshaw is as
knowledgeable on economic development as any economist
I have come across & has had a long experience e.g. with the
U.N. & the T.A.O., and much world travel. I believe he has
a son now (Lynd) in the Trusteeship section. He is above
the age bracket you spoke of, but I believe he could
fill the top post.

Have you thought of Mc Donnell (Oxford)
as well a possibility? You mentioned Cairncross, so
I presume a Britisher isn't excluded. I have a good
opinion also of Herbert Frankel, a South African now at
Oxford, but then the underdeveloped countries might look
suspiciously at a South African with conservative views.
I have not met A. J. Brown of Leeds, but he seems
to have a good training & writes well. ^{W.} Arthur Lewis of
Manchester is also very able in my judgment — and
would be persona grata with the underdeveloped
countries though I'm not clear how his appointment
to a high post which combines with Ralph Bunch's
would sit. He would do well on the Economic Statistics
desk or as author of the World Economic Report.

I don't suggest Americans, because you
ruled them out.

yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Hammarskjold,

Thank you for your note. I should like to come in to see you when I get east, if you are not too pressed at the time.

This note is to add a name that occurred to me after I sent you my previous letter.

→ Alan R. Low, now chief research economist at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand is, to my mind, a very promising candidate. I have known him when he was a schoolboy at Timaru in the great period of a great headmaster. He is one of a succession of head boys who came to Canterbury College — he after my time. All these boys have done well. E. J. Riches Economic Adviser of the I.L.O. was the first, W. L. Holland Secy-General of the I.P.A. was another — Lovelock who broke the Olympic mile record another. It was a great nursery of scholars & all round men under Thomas — who incidentally was a brother-in-law of Douglas Copland.

Alan Low did well at Canterbury College &

one of my former assistants, George Lawton, took him to the Reserve Bank & he is now head of the research work & has a fine group & I should think he would do very well on either the Stability or the Development side. He writes well, has judgment, and a good deal of administrative experience &

I think Copland might know him. You could check on him at the Bank of England from Kershaw, Mynors & others &

This suggests to me that if you can think of an Englishman → Eric P. Haslam, now one of the Bank of England's advisers to the sterling area, is one of this same group of boys from Timaru & he went to Auckland under Belshaw, & later was Rhodes Scholar & After some work in the I.L.O., I got him a temporary job with the West African Commission, & then introduced him to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, from which he went to the Bank of England & He is quite first-class & you might think of him for the top post &

Yours sincerely

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