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1 letter from D.H. — to Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick (Perm.  
Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office,  
London)

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My dear Sir Ivone,

Thank you for your letter of 29th September, concerning Mr. Robertson's availability for the post of Director of Personnel. I am extremely pleased to learn that arrangements can be made for his release and wish you to know how very grateful I am to you, and to Sir Edward Bridges, for your efforts in helping to bring about this most satisfactory result.

I am sure you are well aware of the importance I attach to this particular post and of the extent to which I am bound to rely, for broad policy no less than strictly administrative, decisions upon the judgment and advice of the Personnel Director. It is therefore the more gratifying that I can hope to count on having as one of my immediate collaborators, a person of Mr. Robertson's calibre and experience.

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A formal offer, indicating the general terms of appointment, is being despatched to Mr. Robertson directly, together with a more detailed statement as to the emoluments which the post will carry. Copies of these two communications are enclosed for your information. You will note from the latter, which I believe you will find self-explanatory, that the Director of Personnel will, in future, have a status equal to that of the heads of other Departments of the Secretariat and that, with the exception of the post of Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs, which has been offered to Philip de Seynes of France, all posts at an Under-Secretary or equivalent level which are to be filled by nationals of countries having permanent membership of the Security Council, will carry identical emoluments.

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I appreciate fully your difficulties in releasing Mr. Robertson from his present services in time for him to assume his duties here by 1 January 1955. As I am anxious not to cause you any inconvenience in this respect, I have endeavoured to so arrange matters as to make it unnecessary for any fixed date of entry on duty to be agreed upon. I very much hope, however, that I may count on his arriving in the course of January.

Yours sincerely,

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