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— to J. J. Gray (Chief of U.N. Travel Unit)

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SUBJECT Mr. Dag Hammarskjold

We regret very much that Mr. Hammarskjold had some difficulty in Stockholm regarding his reservations between Stockholm and London. We have investigated this and advise as follows:

The initial reservations made by SAS for Mr. Hammarskjold were held in the name of Mr. Per Lind as requested by your office and it was not known to us until the day of departure, April 20, that the reservation would be utilized by Mr. Hammarskjold and the tickets were issued in his name at that time.

Unfortunately the SAS in New York fell down in following through the change of names, although we had asked them to take special care that everything was in order. The seat reservation we had reserved was for Sunday, April 24 on BEA Flight 501 scheduled to leave Stockholm at 8:30 AM and arrive in London at 1:15 PM. This had been reserved since April 15 and confirmed through Copenhagen to Stockholm in the name of Per Lind by SAS. Someone in their office here in New York omitted to change names as we had requested on April 20. Mr. Hammarskjold held a contract ticket for this flight and the airlines were obligated to perform the contract. I attach hereto the original of a letter which SAS has sent to us. I might further add that our office in London has been in close liaison with Mr. Clark of the United Nations in London and they were prepared to render Mr. Hammarskjold any travel assistance he might have required.

A report from our office in Stockholm advises that our Manager and his uniformed representative were at the airport and obtained permission to take the car on to the tarmac. They had arranged to meet Mr. Hammarskjold and render whatever assistance they could, including checking his reservation for the next onward journey. Unfortunately their plans went awry due to the fact that about 10 minutes before the plane landed the Prime Minister of Sweden arrived to meet Mr. Hammarskjold and he left the airport in the government car, resulting in our Manager losing contact.

C. L. HILL, Manager
United Nations Division

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In triplicate

cc: Mr. F. J. Saunders, Special Representative, United Nations