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29 June

D.H. — to Robert R. Gros (Chairman of
San Francisco Executive Committee for
U.N. Commemorative Session)

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Dear Bob,

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As I promised you I send you herewith an extract of what I said Saturday night. In print the words are paler than they should be. As soon as I get the scroll I shall send it back to you properly signed - I hope this time without any chance of colourful interference from the Romulo family.

Already on the flight to New York and very much here I use the pencil which you so kindly gave me as a little special memento. There was no need for such a memory as the San Francisco time at all events will remain very much alive with all who shared it, but I am most grateful for this added accent of friendship.

And so it only remains for me to tell you once again what a great success you made the United Nations visit in San Francisco - how deeply we sense our debt of gratitude to you and your collaborators and how grateful we are for the warmth and friendship you showed us.

The Honorable Robert R. Gros
Executive Chairman
San Francisco Executive Committee for
United Nations Commemorative Session
Veterans Memorial Building
San Francisco, California

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