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Corresp. Aase Alun (Secr. to the Sec. Gen.)

- Robert R. Gros (V-President, Pacific Gas and
Electric Company, San Francisco)

6 September 1955

Dear Mr. Gros:

..... I deeply regret that you have had to wait so long for the enclosed. When we left San Francisco, I put everything on my desk in an envelope addressed to myself at Headquarters. Unfortunately, however, it did not arrive here until I had left for my vacation, and when I came back a few weeks ago, I was so busy that I put it aside for the time being, thinking that it contained nothing but papers to be filed. I was horrified when I discovered your note and the picture among the papers. I am awfully sorry that this has happened, and hope you will excuse the delay.

May I take this opportunity to thank you, Mrs. Gros and Penny for all you did for me in San Francisco. I am particularly grateful for the invitation to the State Dinner which I enjoyed tremendously. It was so nice of you to remember me, and I appreciate it so very, very much. - It is hard to believe that almost three months have passed since that wonderful week.

With my very best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

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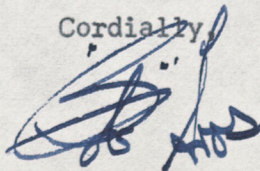
Dear Miss Alm:

Your note and its enclosure of the inscribed picture of us with the Secretary-General came as a very pleasant surprise. I had concluded that the several other pictures and items which he had been good enough to inscribe for us had caused Mr. Hammarskjold to call a halt, not knowing of the contretemps you experienced in getting your mail from here back to you. I am very happy to have this picture of the three of us together, as another memento of a happy occasion and a reminder, too, of the affection and admiration Mrs. Gros and I have developed for Mr. Hammarskjold.

You are more than kind to express appreciation to us personally. We did so little for you here, far less than we had contemplated; but your arriving later than we had understood would be the case negated some of the plans we had in mind for the immediate pre-Meetings period before the pressure mounted so mightily. I recall that among other things we purposely deferred for two days the informal cocktail party we had for Mr. Cordier and the staff at our home, thinking that "the lady triumvirate from the Executive Office" would all arrive earlier that week. Do know that you have a raincheck with the Gros family whenever you come this way again.

I anticipate seeing you briefly, as I shall be in New York next Thursday on my way through to the U.S.S.R. and plan to drop by the office to pay my respects to the Secretary-General and Mr. Cordier. So, until then, all good wishes which I shall deliver personally next week.

Cordially



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