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— to Sec. Gen. (Palais des Nations,
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My dear Secretary-General,

You may remember that at Mr. Bunche's request I assigned Mr. Marc Schreiber of the Office of Legal Affairs as Legal Adviser to the Advisory Committee for the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. Later Mr. Bunche asked me whether I would assign a legal adviser to the Conference itself, as has generally been done for previous United Nations conferences. After a discussion with Mr. Bunche, I concluded that, in view of the procedure envisaged for the Atomic Energy Conference and of the fact that it is not to produce any report, there was no likelihood of legal or drafting problems sufficiently numerous or serious to require a lawyer's help, and that there was thus, exceptionally, not enough need of a legal adviser at this particular Conference to warrant the expense of keeping a legal officer in Geneva. Therefore, I instructed Mr. Schreiber, who was sent to the Economic and Social Council session at Geneva, to return to Headquarters at the end of the Council on about 5 August.

Thereafter, the Administrative Tribunal decided to hold a session at Geneva from 24 August to about 10 September. This makes it necessary for Mr. Schreiber to remain in Geneva to act as Counsel in three cases before the Tribunal, as it would not be reasonable to bring him back to New York and to send someone else for the cases. Thus Mr. Schreiber will have to stay on in Geneva until at least 1 September. I wonder if, in order to make full use of his services in the interval before the Tribunal begins, you would not consider it appropriate to assign him as one of the Secretariat (with functions on the legal and procedural side) of the Atomic Energy Conference; I am sure he could be of some help. If so, his per diem while he is waiting for the Tribunal could be charged to the Conference instead of to the regular budget. Since that is the only financial consequence involved, it might seem advantageous to use Mr. Schreiber for the Conference rather than to have him on hand in Geneva for three weeks, drawing a per diem but unable to keep himself completely busy with the preparation of his three cases.

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Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld,
Secretary-General of the United Nations,
Palais des Nations,
Geneva, Switzerland.

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If you decide that Mr. Schreiber should be appointed, you may wish to ask Mr. Bunche to take up the matter with Professor Whitman, and to give instructions to Mr. Schreiber. I should also appreciate being informed of your decision.

With cordial regards.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Stavropoulos".

Constantin A. Stavropoulos