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Dear Mr. de Lima,

I am referring to the Agreement dated 22 April 1952 between the United Nations and the American Association for the United Nations concerning the establishment and operation of the Guided Tour Service at the Headquarters of the United Nations.

The General Assembly, by resolution 890 (IX) of 17 December 1954, decided that the functions of the Guided Tour Service should become a direct responsibility of the United Nations Secretariat. On the basis of this resolution, and having in mind the provisions of Article 12 of the Agreement, I am giving formal notice of the termination of the above Agreement, including all addenda relating to it, as of the close of business on 30 April 1955 so that the United Nations could take over the functions of the Guided Tour Service on Sunday, 1 May 1955.

My representatives will be in touch with your representatives concerning the details involved in the termination of the above Agreement and, in particular, the disposition of the present staff of the Guided Tour Service.

In transmitting this letter to you, I should like to say once more what I have said on a number of occasions in the past -- that the United Nations is indebted to the AAUN for the very successful manner in which the Guided Tour Service has operated since its establishment. In particular I refer to the devotion and efficiency with which all of you -- and I refer to you, Mr. Eichelberger, the Board of Governors, the members of your Advisory Committee, and Mr. Cannon, as well as the members of the AAUN staff -- initially organized the Guide Service and operated it at all times with deep concern for the interests of the United Nations and the public

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that it served. Your valuable service only adds to my regret that for reasons of principle it was necessary, during this last Assembly, to bring the Guide Service within the framework of the Secretariat.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General