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- a) 2 letters from Eleonor Roosevelt - to D.H.
- b) 1 letter from D.H. - to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

8 February 1955

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in answering your note of 19 January 1955 concerning Dr. David Gurewitsch.

I have delayed replying to you and to Dr. Gurewitsch, who has also written to me, in the hope of being able to tell you something more definite regarding the situation so far as the future organisation and staffing of the Health Service is concerned.

Since the resignation of the former Director, Dr. Frank Calderone, we have been actively considering what arrangements might best be made, and have only just recently come to the conclusion that it will be unnecessary, at least for the time being, to seek an outside candidate. It so happens that we already have, on the staff, an eminently qualified and suitable man who has been acting in an interim capacity as Medical Director, and whose performance during the last month or so has been such that I believe it is only fair to give him an opportunity of continuing in this position. I fully realise that the United Nations would be very fortunate indeed in securing the services of a person of Dr. Gurewitsch's outstanding qualifications and experience. I am sure, however, that both you and he will understand that we have a prior obligation to make full and effective use of existing staff.

It is possible that we will need to look outside the Secretariat for a full-time clinical assistant, but I would doubt very much indeed that this would be a position in which Dr. Gurewitsch would be seriously interested. Should he wish to discuss the situation further, I would be most happy to arrange for him to talk with Mr. J.A.C. Robertson, the Director of Personnel.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in calling Dr. Gurewitsch's interest to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

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February 14, 1955

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

Many thanks for your kind reply
to my letter regarding Dr. David
Gurewitsch.

I am sure Dr. Gurewitsch will
understand your position, as I do.

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor Roosevelt

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January 19, 1955

*Answer
Reply to me
concerning*

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

I was glad to see you have come home, and I think your guarded optimistic report was significant because Orientals move slowly and one has to go step by step!

I understand that Dr. David Gurewitsch whom you met here and who is an old friend of mine, asked to see you about a possible position which may become open at the UN. I hope you will talk to Dr. Gurewitsch if you can before making your decision because he is peculiarly well fitted for this work.

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor Roosevelt