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Letter from H. L. Keenleyside (Dir., Technical Assistance Admini-
- stration)

- to Philippe de Seynes (Under-Sec. for Economic and
Social Affairs)

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Personal and Confidential

Dear Philippe,

This morning I had a conversation with the Secretary-General about the possibility of our offering the post of Chief of the Latin American Office of the Technical Assistance Administration to de Curton. On the basis of what I told him about de Curton and in particular of your approval of the idea, the Secretary-General agreed that we should go ahead and explore the possibility of persuading him to join the Secretariat.

Mr. Hammarskjold recognises the probability that we would have to offer de Curton a D-1 classification and that this would, of necessity, mean a similar change in the status of the heads of the other two area offices. The Secretary-General was naturally not prepared to make a final decision on this point without considering all its implications but he nevertheless agreed that he should explore the situation with de Curton.

In view of your personal acquaintance with de Curton and your knowledge of the situation in Paris, it would be most helpful if you would undertake to raise the possibility of this appointment -- in whatever manner you think most appropriate. As I shall be away next week I shall not have another opportunity to discuss the matter with you in detail but I think you know the essential facts. I shall be most grateful if you will take action along the lines indicated.

Yours sincerely,

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