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Dear Mr. Menon,

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I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a letter of 27 September 1955, in which the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations officially informs me that the Brazilian Government has decided to receive the prisoners of the Korean War still under the custody of the India authorities, subject to the fulfillment of minimum immigration requirements and their willingness to settle in Brazil.

In accordance with the offer made in my reply of 9 February 1954 to the request made by the India Delegation on 8 February 1954, to use my good offices in approaching certain countries in order to ascertain their willingness to receive these ex-prisoners of war, I have had extensive and continuous consultations in the first place with representatives of those countries to which the ex-prisoners have expressed their wish to go. The most recent step in this series of consultations - of which the India Delegation has been kept informed - was a meeting which

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I arranged at San Francisco in connexion with the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations. Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Dominican Republic and Mexico took part in that meeting at which general agreement was expressed as to the urgency for humanitarian reasons to arrive as soon as possible at a solution which would enable the ex-prisoners to return to normal life. During and following this meeting, various Governments have given me assurances of their willingness to assist in solving the problem of the ex-prisoners by receiving some of them in their countries. One delaying factor has been a wish to solve the problem on as broad a national basis as possible. With the generous offer now made by the Brazilian Government, a final and satisfactory solution would seem to have been guaranteed. What remains are formal agreements on the implementation.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General