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Dear Mr. Blickenstaff,

I understand you have been notified, through the Department of Public Information, of the proposed arrangements for the continuation of the work of the Survey Group on Secretariat Organisation as it concerns offices external to Headquarters, including in particular, the Geneva Office, the Secretariats of the Regional Economic Commissions and the Information Centres.

The review of these Offices is now being carried out, on behalf of the Group as a whole, by Mr. Bunche, assisted by Messrs. Katzin and Turner, both of my Executive Office. Although at this stage the Survey will be mainly concerned with the Regional Economic Commissions, and with the Geneva Office, the team plans to visit, en route, a number of Information Centres, largely for the purpose of acquiring a better understanding and appreciation of the work which these Centres are required to carry out and of the problems with which they are expected to cope.

After consultation with the Department of Public Information at Headquarters, it has been arranged that en route to Geneva brief stop-overs should be made in London and Paris for the purpose of visiting these two Centres. Travel plans call for the Survey Group, which is

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currently in Latin America, to leave New York by air for London on 9 March, and to remain there until the following Saturday or Sunday. After London they plan to spend two or three days in Paris, thence proceeding to Geneva and subsequently to Bangkok. You will be advised further in due course as to departure and arrival times.

I hope you will find it possible to meet with Mr. Bunche and his colleagues during their Paris visit, and will appreciate your affording them such assistance and facilities as they may need.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General