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A. R. Perry (New Zealand Delegation to the U.N.)

— to Andrew Cordier (Exec. Assist. to Sec. Gen.)



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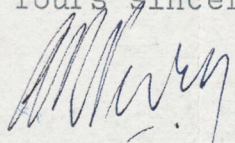
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Yours sincerely,

  
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Dear Mr. Cordier,

I wish to confirm that the authorities in New Zealand will make all arrangements for the Secretary-General's accommodation and travel in New Zealand. There is, therefore, no need for you to concern yourself with these matters from the date of his arrival in Auckland until his departure.

It would be useful at this time to have an indication of Mr. Hammarskjold's preferences for the drive from Auckland to Wellington. Three main routes might be followed. The first would provide a stopover at Chateau Tongariro in the National Park in the centre of the North Island. The Secretary-General might like to take time to climb around the volcanic peaks. On the drive from Auckland to the Chateau, a convenient stop might be made at Waitomo to see the glow-worm caves.

The second route would involve a stopover at Rotorua, a thermal region and also one of the Maori centres. It is close to the very large exotic forests which provide the raw materials for the recently established newsprint industry. On this route a further stop might be made around Lake Taupo, a principal centre for trout fishing. If this route is followed, it is not very convenient to visit the Chateau Tongariro, which is on the western side of the National Park.

A third possibility would be to visit Waitomo and then follow the West Coast. This route would enable the Secretary-General to visit Mount Egmont.

No doubt the final arrangements can be made only when the Secretary-General's engagements have been decided, as they may determine the time when he can depart from Auckland on Friday. It would be useful, however, to have at this stage an indication of his preliminary views.

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I am sending with this letter a copy of "Introduction to New Zealand", which Mr. Hammarskjold may find of some interest even though it was published about ten years ago. I should also appreciate an opportunity to talk to the Secretary-General about his plans and, with this in mind, would be very happy if he could accept an invitation to lunch with me.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ A. R. Perry  
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