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— to A. D. McIntosh (Secretary for External Affairs, N. Zealand)

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Dear Mac,

I hesitate to trouble you with requests and suggestions concerning the Secretary-General's visit, particularly since he himself is anxious that there be a minimum of fuss and fanfare.

I understand from Ray Perry that following his arrival at Auckland, early on Friday 17th February, he will be motoring to Wellington, probably via Wiatomo and the Chateau - spending Saturday night at the Chateau and reaching Wellington on Sunday afternoon.

On the assumption that there are unlikely to be any formal or official engagements on Sunday evening, it occurs to me to ask whether you might find it convenient to arrange for a strictly informal soiree at which he would have the opportunity of talking off the record with a few selected citizens in the privacy of someone's home - your's, for example. I realise, of course, that for many reasons, this may not prove feasible, but I am sure it is the kind of arrangement that he would greatly appreciate, and I believe that you and some of our mutual friends would find it equally rewarding.

May I also use this occasion for enquiring unofficially as to your intentions in the matter of representation on the United Nations Salary Review Committee. This is a job to which the Secretary-General attaches very considerable importance in terms of the future administration of this Organisation, and I do hope that you will spare the best man available. From conversations with Chapman and others here, I gather that the most likely designee is Jack Hunn. From all accounts he should be a useful member of the Committee, and I do believe that both we and the New Zealand Public Services will mutually benefit if he undertakes the assignment.

I apologise for seeking to impose upon your already heavy social obligations, but as you can readily appreciate, I am most anxious that Mr. Hammarskjold's visit to New Zealand should be a fitting climax to his world tour, and will be most grateful for any personal contribution you are able to make towards this end.

Yours sincerely,

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