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Sec. Gen. — to Georg Juan Smith (U.N. Information Centre,  
London)

Dear George,

I thank you very much for the letter of the 24th and for the trouble you have taken to send me the copy of the report on the work of the Commission on the Status of Women, which I have received from the Secretary-General.

Mr. Smith's report is very interesting and I hope that he will be able to provide the Commission with a report which will be of great value to the Commission.

I have also received a number of letters from the Commission and for what they have done in the past I am very grateful. I am sure that the Commission will continue to be of great help and assistance in the future.

The public reaction to the Commission's work has been very good. I have had no trouble with the Commission's work in the past and I am sure that the Commission will continue to be of great help and assistance in the future. I am sure that the Commission will continue to be of great help and assistance in the future.

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24 May 1956

Dear George,

I should have written you long ago first of all in order to thank you for invaluable assistance on all levels: as political adviser, as an incredibly skilled public relations man, as general caretaker of a sometimes somewhat helpless group, and as a very fine, understanding and stimulating personal friend.

Mr. Fluid's share in whatever we achieved can never be properly described, but was decisive. For that reason Mr. Flexible hopes that he will receive "a small memory" (not a cigarette case) which will be sent one of these days.

I have also to thank you for a couple of letters with enclosures and for what they indirectly revealed of valuable continued assistance in London. The Jewish Observer presentation is most helpful and the straightening out of misunderstandings in other press quarters will certainly give a yield.

The public reactions all through have been very good. I have had no trouble with the region so far (in spite of a few silly editorials) and the American Press and the American public are so favourable as to make me a little bit fearful. It is only, of course, Mr. Sweeney who still cannot adjust his song to that of the nightingales, partly certainly (as happened after Peking) because he does not feel that people should listen to the tunes from a wood thrush when Sweeney is available. But that does not matter.

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The only important thing is to get our "chain of reactions" started, and to avoid an action through which the Chorus of Old Men of Thebes just confuses the Protagonists instead of helping them to see more clearly. (The Big Boys' recurrent theme: "But we must do something", is most disturbing).

I guess you have seen what I said in Williamsburg. You will then have observed that the last part of the address was the real report on the inner story which could only be implied in the Security Council document. It is typical for the sharp ear of journalists around the UN that so far no paper here has combined the Williamsburg story with the conclusions in the report. Two men did: Arthur Schlesinger and Kidron. One paper did: Al Ahram!

Burns has had some trouble with the Tekoahs, and I cannot say that I am too happy with his manoeuvring. But somehow I feel that even that does not matter; other and greater forces, partly unknown and inscrutable to us, seem to have taken over. It looks as if Ormuzd now feels that it is time for Ahriman to shut up for a while. Curious with this feeling of fate which we had so strongly when in the region, and from which even now I cannot get away - fate requiring the sacrifice of unreserved engagement, but somehow bowing to such engagement. However, I have better stop at this point. You understand what I mean; others might be shocked.

With many warm regards,