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11 July 1960

Dear Mr. Wilcox,

I have your letter of 30 June 1960 extending an invitation to the United Nations to be represented at the Fifth World Forestry Congress to be convened at Seattle, Washington, on 29 August 1960.

I have designated Mr. Cordier to attend the meeting as the United Nations Representative.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

The Honorable Francis O. Wilcox
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

11 July 1960 A.W. Cordier

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ROME (ITALY)

FOR SEN. I regret that my likely absence from Headquarters on official mission will make it impossible for me to attend Fifth World Forestry Congress to be convened in Seattle 29 August. I have however designated Cordier as UN representative at the Congress

Dag Hammarskjold

A.W.Cordier, Exec. Assistant to SG

*Original
Returned to J. H. H. H.
after signature*

24 June 1960

Dear President McIntosh,

During the past thirteen years the United Nations has faced the problem of finding proper educational facilities in the New York area for children of the international staff and permanent missions to the United Nations. You will appreciate that since many of our staff, as well as the delegations, are in New York for only a few years, it is important to them that their children should continue their basic education in their mother tongue or in a system which will prepare them for university education in their own countries. Most of them seek a school with a programme of high standard which is concerned with intellectual and academic achievement and at the same time seeks to develop in the students international attitudes and understanding.

The United Nations International School was established to meet these needs. It operates under an Absolute Charter granted by the State of New York. Beginning in 1947 as a nursery school, it has added one grade each year so that it now offers primary and secondary education through the tenth grade. This year it has an enrolment of 330 and is operating in Manhattan and in Parkway Village, Queens, where a sizable group of United Nations families reside. It has now arrived at a more difficult stage in its development both from the point of view of educational policy and its development as a more permanent primary and secondary school of high standing in New York.

The School is not an integral part of the United Nations administration. It is an entirely self-contained project operating under the jurisdiction of its own independent Board of Trustees. Nevertheless, both the General Assembly and myself, in my capacity as Secretary-General of the Organization, are in full support of its purposes and act when possible to assist its progress. The General Assembly in 1959 voted a substantial financial contribution to the School, guaranteed firm support for five years, and requested me to continue my efforts to find permanent accommodations for the School.

President Millicent C. McIntosh,
Barnard College
606 West 120th Street
New York City

The Constitution of the Association for the School invites me to nominate six members of the Board of Trustees. I have nominated three of my Under-secretaries from the fields of Personnel, Finance and Public Information. I am desirous of nominating three outstanding persons from the New York community. The School, as a matter of policy, admits 40% of its enrolment from the American community in order that children of the international staff and local children may gain mutual benefit. The other American to whom I am addressing this appeal is Dr. Walter A. Anderson, Dean of the School of Education at New York University. As you may know, Dr. George Stoddard, Executive Vice-President of New York University, and Dr. Courtney Brown, Dean of the Business School of Columbia University have served on the Board for the year just ended. The Board also includes five Ambassadors to the United Nations from France, Ghana, India, Poland and Uruguay who act as honorary vice-chairmen. I understand that the work of the Board will be organized in such a way that not more than three or four meetings will be called for during the year and these will be devoted to basic policy questions.

I will be pleased if you can find time to join in this effort to build an international school which may offer important support to the international civil service.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

9 July 1960

Dear Mr. Horowitz,

I am glad to know from your letter of 8 July that the Correspondents' Circle plans to celebrate its Third Anniversary in August. Will you please present my greetings and best wishes to the Circle on that occasion. During these three years you have pursued continuously and with success your endeavour to bring peoples together despite national differences and varying backgrounds. These efforts are necessary to the promotion of international understanding and to the requirements of a more peaceful world. I hope that your well-established beginnings in this task may continue to bear even greater fruit in the years to come.

With cordial regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

Mr. David Horowitz
Correspondents' Circle
Room 373, Press Area
United Nations
New York

C O P I E

2 juin 1960

Monsieur le Président,

J'ai plaisir à adresser mes meilleurs vœux à l'Alliance israélite universelle à l'occasion de son centenaire. L'Alliance peut s'enorgueillir d'avoir efficacement soutenu la cause des droits de l'homme et de s'être opposée avec succès à la discrimination sous toutes ses formes.

Les buts humanitaires et universels de l'Alliance ont trouvé un écho dans le rôle que vous avez vous-même joué au sein de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans le domaine des droits de l'homme. Cet hommage vous est rendu par tous ceux qui souhaitent voir s'établir un monde où, selon les termes de la Charte, règnera "le respect des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales pour tous sans distinction de race, de sexe, de langue ou de religion.

Au moment où l'Alliance entre dans son deuxième siècle d'existence, je tiens à lui adresser mes meilleurs vœux pour la continuation d'une œuvre qui soutient et complète les efforts des Nations Unies.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secrétaire général

Monsieur René Cassin
Président de l'Alliance Israélite Universelle
45 rue la Bruyère
Paris (IXe), France

2 July 1960

Dear Mr. Christopher,

I was delighted to receive the beautiful resolution signed by you, the President and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors congratulating the United Nations on its Fifteenth Anniversary. It is further evidence of the strong and understanding support given by the officials and people of the City and County of San Francisco to the work and objectives of the United Nations.

Will you please also convey to your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors my appreciation for this thoughtful initiative.

Very sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General

The Honourable George Christopher
Mayor of the City and County of
San Francisco
San Francisco, California

9 May 1960

Your Excellency,

I learned with great regret from your letter of today that Sir Hersch Lauterpacht, Queen's Counsel, Judge of the International Court of Justice and a member of the United Kingdom National Group in the Permanent Court of Arbitration, died yesterday in London.

Sir Hersch Lauterpacht has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the International Court and, in general, to the development of international law. His passing is a great loss to all who have learned to admire his high qualities and who take an interest in the aims he has served with such distinction.

May I ask you to transmit to H.M. Government, and through them, to Sir Hersch Lauterpacht's family, my most sincere condolences.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dag Hammarskjöld

His Excellency
Sir Pierson Dixon, G.C.M.G., C.B.,
Permanent Representative to the United Nations,
United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations,
99 Park Avenue, 7th floor,
New York, N.Y.

6 May 1960

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I believe it to be appropriate to thank you and through you each of the guides, as well as the office and supervising staff of the Visitors Service, for the efficiency with which all in that Service handled the record attendance of visitors to the United Nations building through April of this year, particularly during Easter week when the daily average of visitors exceeded 6000, reaching on the peak day the record figure of 7278.

It is a tribute to all concerned, and to the spirit permeating the Service directed by you, that this great load of work was carried by the guides and by your office staff without additional assistance.

I wish to extend to you and to all your staff my appreciation and congratulations for this fine performance.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld.

Mr. Glenn Bennett,
Chief of Visitors Service,
Office of Public Information.
United Nations.

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9 April 1960 A.W.Cordier

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Honorable John A. Blatnik
Member of Congress
Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your message of 7 April inviting me to give a lecture at Duluth under the Dalton Lemasurier Lecture Fund sometime in April or May. It would be a great pleasure to do so, but during the weeks and months ahead I shall be so heavily preoccupied with official business as to make it necessary for me to decline. With warmest regards.

Dag Hammarskjold

A.W.Cordier, Executive Assistant

PU 213 SG

28 March 1960

Dear Mr. Kamm,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 22 March in which you ask him to indicate his favorite spot in New York for an article to be published in the World-Telegram's Saturday Feature Magazine.

In view of the large number of similar requests, the Secretary-General has found it necessary to follow a policy of declining invitations to participate in public activities not directly connected with his official responsibilities and he regrets therefore that he cannot accede to your request.

The Secretary-General wishes me to thank you on his behalf for your interest in writing.

Yours sincerely,

W. Wachtmeister
Personal Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. Herbert Kamm
Editor
Saturday Feature Magazine
New York World-Telegram and The Sun
New York 15, N.Y.

24 mars 1960

Ingenjör Richard Brodin
Svenska AB Philips
Gävlegatan 16
Stockholm 6
Sweden

Generalsekreterare Hammarskjöld har bett mig tacka för Edert brev den 16 mars rörande festspelsprogrammet under Stockholms Festspel 1960.

Generalsekreteraren uppskattar Edert erbjudande men beklagar att han av principiella skäl ej anser sig böra delta. På grund av det stora antalet erbjudanden om deltagande i skilda arrangemang, varav många liksom Edert av hög klass, har hr Hammarskjöld nödgats principiellt avböja att ställa sig till förfogande. Han hoppas på Eder förståelse för nödvändigheten härav.

Högaktningsfullt

W. Wachtmeister
Personlig assistent
till generalsekreteraren

Harmon

24 March 1960

Dear Mrs. Hedin,

The Secretary-General has asked me to thank you for your letter of 23 January and the enclosed two articles, one of which by Arkady J. Sack, concerning the Nobel Institute.

The Secretary-General has been in contact with Mr. Sack regarding his project for a United Nations tribute to the Foundation. While professing his interest in this scheme, Mr. Hammarskjöld cannot, however, endorse the idea of a United Nations action in this context. A tribute under United Nations auspices to a private Foundation - however important it may be and whatever its purposes - is hardly conceivable. In any case the initiative for an action of this kind would necessarily have to be taken by a Member Government.

Mr. Hammarskjöld has much appreciated your interest in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

W. Wachtmeister
Personal Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mrs. S. Hedin
8 Brook Rise
Montfort
Chigwell
Essex, England

15 March 1960

Dear Mrs. Sundlin,

Thank you for your letter of March 14 regarding your son's plans to go to Cuba.

The question you raise is not so easy to judge from here as to permit any advice. The best thing for you to do would be, I think, to ask the Department of State in Washington for advice. They are certainly in a better position to judge whether the participation in such a programme is to be recommended or not for an American citizen at the present time.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General

Mrs. William J. Sundlin
20 Uncatena Avenue
Worcester 6, Massachusetts

7 March 1960

Dear Mr. Binns,

The Secretary-General has asked me to thank you for your letter of 29 February and for your very kind invitation to him to join the Marco Polo Club as a Charter Member.

Mr. Hammarskjöld much appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing him. He feels, however, that his heavy schedule of official duties would not permit him to devote the attention proper to an active membership in a distinguished club such as yours. He therefore regrets that he must decline your kind offer but has asked me to send you his best wishes for the Club.

Yours sincerely,

W. Wachtmeister
Personal Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. Joseph P. Binns
Vice President
Marco Polo Club
The Waldorf-Astoria
New York 22, N.Y.

2 mars 1960

Herr Nils Svenwall
Lundblads väg 12
Danderyd
Stockholm

Härmed får jag erkänna mottagandet av Eder skrivelse till
generalsekreterare Hammarskjöld av den 24 februari 1960 rörande
eventuell tjänstgöring i Sydafrikanska Unionen.

Några planer att utsända FN-tjänstemän eller FN-experto
till Sydafrikanska Unionen föreligger för närvarande veterligen
icke. För den händelse Ni önskar ha Edert intresse för saken
registrerat här för eventuellt framtida behov får jag föreslå
att Ni på engelska tillskriver Office of Personnel, United Nations,
New York, N.Y.

Högaktningsfullt

W. Wachtmeister
Personlig assistent
till generalsekreteraren

15 February 1960

Dear Sirs,

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In accordance with your request I return enclosed the proof of Mr. Hammarskjöld's biography, which remains unchanged from the previous edition of The International Who's Who.

Very truly yours,

W. Wachtmeister
Personal Assistant
to the Secretary-General

The International Who's Who
18 Bedford Square
London W.C.1.

8 februari 1960

Statsøkonomisk Forening
Oslo

Generalsekreterare Hammarskjöld har bett mig tacka för Eder skrivelse den 27 januari med vänlig inbjudan till honom att närvara vid öppnandet av den nordiska nationalekonomiska kongressen i Oslo i juni 1961.

Med hänsyn till den långa tid som återstår till kongressens öppnande är det tyvärr icke möjligt för generalsekreteraren att för dagen lämna ett mer definitivt svar. Helt allmänt kan emellertid sägas att generalsekreterarens program på försommaren brukar vara strängt upptaget. Det förefaller därför knappast sannolikt att han kommer att vara i tillfälle närvara. Jag får emellertid föreslå att Ni återkommer till frågan mot slutet av året.

Högaktningsfullt

W. Wachtmeister
Personlig assistent
till generalsekreteraren

22 Feb '60

SG

The Right Hon. the Earl ~~of~~ Mountbatten of Burma,
2 Wilton Crescent,
London, S.W.1 (England)

Please accept the expressions of ^{my} ~~our~~ respectful and most sincere sympathy
at the unexpected and tragic passing of ^{Lady} ~~Countess~~ Mountbatten.

Dag Hammarskjöld

20 Feb'60

SG

Mrs. H.C. Hansen
95 Oesterbrogade,
Copenhagen Ø

Permit me to express to you my heartfelt sympathy. I admired in H.C. those great qualities of intellect and character which made him the chosen leader of his people, and I was happy to have found in him a friend of great nobility.

Dag Hammarskjöld

20 Feb'60 SG

H.E. Mr. Jens Krag,
Foreign Minister of Denmark
Copenhagen

It is with the deepest regret and sympathy that I have received the news of the passing of Prime Minister H.C. Hansen. Please accept and convey to your colleagues my sincere condolences.

H.C. Hansen was a great political leader endowed with noble qualities which made him a great citizen of the world as well as of his own country.

Dag Hammarskjöld

19 Feb '60

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BENSON FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL. Reference your letter 272. Assistance as suggested naturally requires action by an organ providing basis for it. I know of no grounds which would justify criticism of UN in this respect since no proposal to this effect was before the GA last fall. UN Radiation Committee is not an operating body, and in any case will not meet again until next fall. All Member States are asked by it to submit to it any relevant information in their possession.

18 Feb. 1960

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PREBISCH RE YOUR 127 FROM MONTEVIDEO HIGHLY PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF
MONTIVEDEO MEETING STOP CONSIDER AGREEMENT REACHED A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT
IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE AN ESSENTIAL PART
THANKS TO YOUR RELENTLESS EFFORTS AND ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP STOP ALSO
WELCOME ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED ECLA PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF
THE SCHEME STOP WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF

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Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

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5 February 1960

Dear Mr. Malley,

I thank you most sincerely for your kind and encouraging letter of 4 February.

I am glad that our evaluation of the needs and aspirations of our African friends coincide and I can assure you that the convictions which you found reflected in my statements yesterday will be translated into action to all the extent that is within the range of my possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Mr. Simon Malley
420 East 55th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

5 February 1960

Dear Mr. Carson,

I thank you for your letter of 4 February.

Looking at the transcript of the press conference at Khartoum, I find that it has come out so garbled that it is of no use. I wish to suggest the following treatment of your question.

You can say that in the press conference at Khartoum a question was raised about the recent manifestations of anti-Semitism. The Secretary-General replied that, on the basis of the information he had been able to get during his journey, he saw no reason to regard these manifestations as the result of any masterminded political operation. In these circumstances, the interpretation that had to be given to these manifestations was that they reflected a renewed outburst of primitive and revolting currents in the human mind which hundreds of years of civilization have not managed to master. Like every expression of racialism and of contempt for the human person they were to be sharply condemned. That such manifestations were possible was in fact humiliating to us all and in sharp contrast to the basic tenets of the United Nations. If permitted to continue, they would represent elements of risk also in a political sense and all means must be used to correct the situation. When approached on his return to New York on this matter, the Secretary-General referred to what he had said in Khartoum and reiterated his conviction that the means at the disposal of the United Nations and its sister organizations should be applied as effectively as possible to counter resurgences of such tendencies as those which recently have made themselves felt. The stand of the Organization was a clear one and should serve as a starting point for continued efforts to influence opinion.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Mr. Saul Carson
Press Section, Room 301
United Nations

2 February 1960

To Members of the Maintenance Section, UN Headquarters -

On my return from a long trip through Africa, I find your generous Christmas gift, together with the season's greetings. I thank you very much for your kind thought and for not forgetting me even when I was absent during the holidays.

I am sorry that again my duties made it impossible for me to attend your pleasant and memorable Christmas celebration.

Dag Hammarskjöld