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1 letter from J.A.C. Robertson (Director of Personnel)
- to Antony C. Gilpin (Chairman, Staff Committee)

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Dear Mr. Gilpin,

I write on behalf of the Secretary-General in reply to your letter of 1st March with which you submitted to him a note on staff consultation, prepared by the Staff Committee. The Secretary-General has not been able, owing to pressure of events in recent weeks, to give his personal attention to a study of the note. For all that, he will give the matter his personal attention at the earliest available opportunity, and when that comes, I shall forward to him your full note with certain observations and comments on the lines of my discussion with you, Mr. Miron and Mr. Simon yesterday afternoon.

At that discussion we had a full exposé of the substance and the procedures dealt with in your note, and I believe and hope that we made progress in establishing mutual understanding as to where we should aim to go in future when it will be the intention of the Administration to give full effect to the Secretary-General's wish that consultation should be a continuing process in this house, beneficial alike to staff members and to the Secretary-General and his administrative team.

Given this renewed expression of fundamental agreement as to objective, it seemed to both sides in the discussion most convenient not to comment in writing concerning the individual matters of criticism or the several administrative suggestions, but to leave the matter to be taken up as you suggested with the next Staff Council and the new Staff Committee in a few weeks time.

In conclusion, the Secretary-General asked me to thank you for your expression of appreciation on behalf of the Staff committee and to say that he hopes before very long to be able

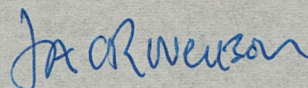
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to engage personally in the process and practice of
consultation as well as in other discussions on matters
concerning the staff and its welfare.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Hammarskjöld ✓