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Dear Sir Oliver,

..... Before the Secretary-General left for Sweden, he sent to you on  
..... 17 December, the attached cable and asked me to send you additional  
..... information regarding the matter to which he refers.

..... In a unanimous resolution, a copy of which is enclosed, the General  
..... Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to select, in consultation  
..... with Mr. Raymond Scheyven of Belgium, an ad hoc group of experts to  
..... assist Mr. Scheyven in preparing a "report giving a full and precise  
..... picture of the form or forms, functions and responsibilities for which  
..... a special United Nations fund for economic development might have and  
..... especially the methods by which its operations might be integrated with  
..... the development plans of the countries receiving it."

..... In case you are not entirely familiar with past efforts in the United  
..... Nations to set up the proposed fund, you may find useful the enclosed  
..... aide-memoire on the action of the Economic and Social Council and the  
..... General Assembly on this proposal and a copy of the "Report on a Special  
..... United Nations Fund for Economic Development", which was prepared by an  
..... earlier group of experts.

The expert group which the Secretary-General is now selecting will undoubtedly play an important part in determining the pattern of organization and operations of the proposed fund, and he is accordingly seeking experts of the very highest competence and authority. The experts are to serve in their personal capacities and not as government representatives. There are to be not more than eight experts in all, drawn from industrialized and less-developed countries in several continents.

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The Secretary-General is very anxious to have you serve as the member of the expert group from the United Kingdom. He is aware of your new commitments but anticipates that service on the group would not make large demands on your time. It is thought that a meeting here at United Nations Headquarters in the early part of 1955 for a period not exceeding three weeks should be sufficient to provide the necessary foundations for Mr. Scheyven's report. The date of the meeting has not been set, but it will be held at as convenient a time as possible for all the experts concerned.

Yours sincerely,

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CC: Secretary-General ✓  
Mr. Martin Hill  
Mr. de Seynes  
Mr. Rosenberg