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December 6, 1954

Col. A. G. Katzin
United Nations
New York, N.Y.

Dear Colonel Katzin:

Enclosed you will find the report of Drs. Engel and Line which you were good enough to bring to me for my information. I must confess that your problems at the United Nations are surely more complex than those of the usual organization, be it a hospital or an industrial concern, and I can see what difficulties you must encounter in finding top notch personnel. I think, as I told Dr. Hammarskjold and you, it would be easier to find men of the caliber you desire were they to have more freedom for intellectual pursuits in other institutions and if the order of remuneration could be increased.

I have been unsuccessful in contacting Dr. David Barr, Professor of Medicine at Cornell, concerning possible candidates but one more has occurred to me. This man is Dr. Neal Conan who is one of our own graduates and who served as Professor of Medicine at the American University in Beirut. He also served for a time as top medical officer of the American Arabian Oil Company and has now returned to New York because of the problem of educating his children. Dr. Conan is at the present time, I believe, on the staff of the Health Insurance Plan, though with this association he is permitted to teach and attend conferences here at the Medical Center one afternoon a week. Whether or not Dr. Conan could be interested I do not know but he surely has many of the qualifications which would be important for you. Dr. Conan's address is 209 Maple Street, Englewood, New Jersey.

I was sorry to have to withdraw the name of Dr. Frederick Heath but information which came to me very recently made it seem wiser that he perhaps not take on your kind of a job.

I trust that you and Dr. Hammarskjold will know that I have your problems very much in mind and should I have a further "inspiration" you may be sure that I shall be delighted to communicate my thoughts to you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Robert F. Loeb, M.D.

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Mr. Bruce Turner

A.W. Cordier, Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Health Clinic

29 November 1954

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The Secretary-General has directed that as an interim arrangement and effective to-day, Monday 29 November, the United Nations Health Service will report to him through you. The attached notice to give effect to this decision and to provide temporarily for interim administrative arrangements concerning the Clinic will be issued to-day after Drs. Jse, Langedown and Thompson have been advised of the Secretary-General's decisions by Mr. Katzin.

The Secretary-General wishes also that you should assume responsibility directly to him for actions required in connection with the appointment of both a Director and Deputy Director of the Service. Mr. Katzin will pass to you all relevant information on this subject.

cc. Dr. Jse
Mr. Katzin
Mr. Andersen
Mr. Stavropoulos
The Secretary-General ✓

26 October 1954

Dear Dr. Line,

The Secretary-General has asked me to thank you for your letter of 18 October and to say that he would be very happy to see you on November 10th or 11th. We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew W. Cordier,
Executive Assistant to
the Secretary-General

Dr. W. Line,
Department of Psychology, Graduate Division,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO 5, CANADA

7 June 1954

My dear Dr. Line,

Thank you for your letter of June 2nd. I should be very glad to see you regarding this matter and suggest the latter part of June. Would, for example, Friday the 18th or Monday the 21st be satisfactory?

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General

Dr. W. Line
98 St. George Street
Toronto, Canada.

THE ROYAL MEDICAL BOARD

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SWEDEN

Telegrams:
MEDICINALSTYRET

Herr Generalsekreteraren m.m. Dag Hammarskjöld.

Jag ber att få tacka Generalsekreteraren för Edert vänliga brev av den 12 dennes med inbjudan till mig att som sakkunnig delta i en översyn av F.N.-klinikens arbetsuppgifter och organisation. Då jag vågar hysa den förhoppningen att min långvariga verksamhet som överläkare vid internmedicinska avdelningar samt mina administrativa och organisatoriska erfarenheter kunna bli till nytta vid lösandet av ifrågavarande uppgifter ber jag få acceptera det hedrande uppdraget. Dr. William Lane synes väl komplettera vad som brister i kompetens hos mig beträffande den psykologiska-psykiatriska delen av uppgiften, där jag saknar specialerfarenhet. För mig är det angeläget att betona, att jag med särskild tillfredsställelse ser fram mot samarbetet med honom.

Den 2 april skall på statsministerns initiativ ordnas ett större informationsmöte rörande hälso- och sjukvård avsett för riksdagens ledamöter samt representanter för sjukvårdens huvudmän. Jag kan därför först komma över den 4 eller 5 april. Då jag använder mig av flyg, torde utredningsuppdraget med den av Generalsekreteraren beräknade tidsåtgången (14 dagar) vara klart i god tid med hänsyn till budgetarbetets början den 1 maj. Jag hoppas att Generalsekreteraren kan godkänna detta.

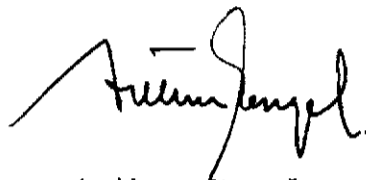
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Samtidigt som jag ber att få försäkra Generalsekreteraren att jag med största intresse ser framåt mot den förelagda uppgiften, vill jag uttrycka min tacksamhet över att Ni haft mig i åtanke för densamma.

Stockholm den 20 februari 1954.

Generalsekreterarens värdsamt tillgivne



Arthur Engel

TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM DR. ARTHUR ENGEL
Director of The Royal Medical Board of Sweden,
to the Secretary-General dated 20 February 1954

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of the 12th of this month inviting me to take part as an expert in a review of the functions and organization of the United Nations Health Service. Since I nourish the hope that my lengthy active work as chief of various departments of internal medicine, as well as my administrative and organisational experience could be of use in the solution of the problems in question, I wish to accept this honourable assignment. Dr. William Line seems to complement what is lacking in my competence to the psychological-psychiatric part of the task where I don't have any special experience. I am anxious to stress that I am looking forward with particular satisfaction to cooperating with him.

On the initiative of the Prime Minister, a large information meeting on health is being arranged with participation of members of the Parliament and leading persons within the health field. I therefore cannot come until the 4th or 5th of April. As I intend to go by air, the review task on the basis of the estimated two week's work would be ready in good time before the beginning of the budgetary work the first of May. I hope that you can approve of this.

I wish to assure you that I am looking forward to this work with great interest and I also wish to express my gratitude for having had me in mind for this task.

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University of Toronto

TORONTO 5, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

April 19, 1954.

W. Line
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Mr. D. Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General,
United Nations Building,
United Nations,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

I should like to express my appreciation of many things --- the privilege of working under your leadership on a matter of such importance and on so subtle a task; your many personal and professional courtesies; the stimulation of an after dinner conversation at your home; the real joy of meeting, through you, Dr. Arthur Engel.

Dr. Engel and I have established a profound friendship between ourselves. I believe that medicine and psychology have come closer together than ever before because of this opportunity of living and working together.

As our report indicates, we both felt very strongly that we had to go beyond our immediate terms of reference, although in your first conversation with us you indicated that you expected us so to do. "The Mental Health and Welfare" recommendation deals with matters of such moment that we could not do justice in a short time and in a brief statement. If you wish us to write more fully, expanding our conclusions on the basis of our observations and of our joint philosophy of health, we shall be very happy to do so. Both Dr. Engel and I feel that we were able to clarify and enrich our several approaches to psychological medicine by this recent experience.

It would be very nice if you convey our appreciation to all members of your staff in the United Nations building who gave us invaluable help and much friendliness.

Very sincerely yours,

W. Line.

WL/Bd

W. Line,
Professor of Psychology.

12 February 1954

Dear Dr. Line,

A comprehensive survey of the organizational structure of the United Nations Secretariat is at present being undertaken. In this connection I should like to have an independent review made of the organization and functions of the Health Service. Both I and the Director of the Health Service, Dr. Frank Calderone, feel that it would be most useful to get an appraisal by professionally qualified persons outside this Organization of the Health Service, taking into consideration all relevant factors such as administrative, medical and psychological.

I recently approached Brock Chisholm with a view to asking for his assistance in this task. However, he has just replied that, to his regret, he will be unable to undertake this review. I have now decided that it would be desirable to ask two experts, of whom one should be European, to assist me in this matter. I greatly hope that you will agree to come here to make this review, together with Mr. Arthur G. Engel, Director of the Medical Board of Sweden, to whom I have sent a similar invitation. I may add that Dr. Chisholm has strongly endorsed my invitation to you.

Since the proposed review will also serve as the basis for the 1955 budget estimates, it would be desirable if the result of the review could be obtained before the first of May. I imagine that it would not be necessary to devote more than two weeks at the most to the project. The United Nations would, of course, meet any travel expenses involved and would in addition reimburse you at the rate of \$50. a day.

I should appreciate if you would consider this matter and advise me of your decision as soon as possible. For your information I enclose a memorandum on the functions of the Health Service.

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Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

Dr. William Line
University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada.

12 februari 1954

Herr Generaldirektör Arthur G. Engel
Kungl. Medicinalstyrelsen
Stockholm

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I FN's Generalsekretariat ingår en medicinsk klinik med en chefsläkare och ett antal skötorskor såsom fast anställda; övriga läkare deltidanställas. Kliniken har, såsom närmare framgår av närslutna promemoria, främst till uppgift att utföra läkarundersökningar samt att verka såsom rådgivande och rekommenderande organ i samband med personalens anställningsförhållanden (såsom ifråga om förflyttningar, sjukledighet, pension m.m.).

Efter samråd med klinikens chef Dr. Frank Calderone har jag beslutit att låta företaga en översyn av klinikens organisation och uppgifter. För en dylik översyn, som bör vara så allsidig som möjligt med beaktande av administrativa, medicinska och psykologiska faktorer, vände jag mig i första hand till Dr. Brock Chisholm, som ju i sig förenar mycket betydande erfarenhet på de områden det gäller. Han har emellertid svarat att han tyvärr ej är i tillfälle att åtaga sig detta uppdrag.

Ytterligare överväganden av saken har lett mig till uppfattningen, att det skulle vara lämpligt och önskvärt om jag för denna översyn kunde få hjälp av två sakkunniga av vilka en europé. Närmast har jag därvid tänkt på Eder och på professorn i psykologi vid universitetet i Toronto, Dr. William Line, tidigare Chisholms närmaste man. Det är min varma förhoppning att ni båda skall ha möjlighet att acceptera denna inbjudan.

Jag räknar med att uppdraget, restiden inberäknat, ej skall behöva taga mer än två veckor i anspråk. Med hänsyn till vårt budgetarbete skulle det vara önskvärt om resultatet av utredningen kunde föreligga före den 1 maj. Jag vore tacksam om Generaldirektören ville överväga saken och låta mig veta Edert ställningstagande snarast möjligt.

Jag kanske bör tillägga, att FN självfallet betalar rese-
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