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18 August 1962

My dear Ambassador,

I shall be grateful if you would be so good as to transmit the enclosed letter to the President.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

U Thant
Acting Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the United States
to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York 17, N.Y.

20 August 1962

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I send herewith for your information a copy of a letter received from President Kennedy and a copy of my reply to him.

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The Honourable
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Department of State
Washington 25, Washington D.C.

cc: Miss Platts

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September 13, 1962

The Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honor to request that the following information be brought to the attention of appropriate Secretariat officials:

An entomological-zoological research expedition under the sponsorship of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, United States of America, and the United States National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, United States of America, is currently collecting in West New Guinea all types of insects and other animals, particularly the ectoparasites of native animals, and other biting insects, which might be of public health significance.

The participants in the expedition, which departed from Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea, are: Dr. Nixon Wilson (U.S.A.), leader and parasitologist; Dr. Lawrence P. Richards (U.S.A.), vertebrate zoologist; Dr. Heinrich Holtmann (Germany), entomologist; Dr. J. L. Gressitt (U.S.A.), organizer; Mr. Peter Siman (Papua and New Guinea). Messrs. J. Sedlacek (Australia),

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H. W. Clissold (Australia), Bukam Sinasi (Papua) were with the expedition initially but may have returned to the Trust Territory or Papua.

The Netherlands Government is not participating in the expedition.

The United States would be grateful if the above information could be brought to the attention of the appropriate United Nations officials in West New Guinea (West Irian) and, after October 1, 1962, if the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority could permit the expedition to proceed with its work.

In the event the expedition would like to remain in West New Guinea (West Irian) after May 1, 1963, the United States of America will request the assistance of the Indonesian Government.

The Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of his Note Verbale UN-3490/12 dated 13 September 1962.

The Acting Secretary-General has taken note of its contents and would like to inform the Permanent Representative that the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority will give every possible assistance to the entomological-zoological research expedition in its scientific investigations in West New Guinea (West Irian) during the period when the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority will be responsible for the administration of the territory.

18 September 1962

cc: Secretary-General
Mr. Narasimhan
UN Administrator
Mr. Rolz-Bennett

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1. The United States agrees to respond as sympathetically and expeditiously as possible to all United Nations requests for logistic support of UNTEA operations within the framework of the following points:
2. The United Nations will inform the Government of Indonesia and the Government of the Netherlands of all UNTEA assist requests when the requests have been approved by the United States.
3. The United States will consider only those UNTEA assist requests which are given to the United States Mission to the United Nations (USUN) by United Nations Headquarters in New York.
4. All United Nations requests for United States assistance are on a reimbursable basis.
5. Since UNTEA is a temporary United Nations operation, all United States billings for goods and services rendered will be forwarded through USUN to United Nations Headquarters in New York for payment by the United Nations.

6. The United Nations will encourage maximum logistic support of troops and equipment by the nation(s) providing them.

7. The United States will transport United Nations civilian and military personnel only and will provide them with necessary logistic support. United States Government approval will be necessary for the following transport requests:

A. Requests for external West New Guinea transport.

B. Requests for internal transport which require aircraft other than those which are assigned to UNTEA for the period ending May 1, 1963.

C. Requests for transport of Indonesian or Dutch troops to WNG staging areas.

D. Requests for transport of Indonesian troops under Article 7 of Dutch-Indonesian agreement.

Blanket requests for C and D above will be adequate.

8. United States transport will not participate in the movement of Dutch or Indonesian troops outside of WNG except Indonesian prisoners who surrendered to the Netherlands prior to the cease fire.

9. United States military personnel assigned to support UNTEA will remain under United States military authority, as in ONUC. This should not be interpreted as a limitation on the prerogatives of the United Nations Commander, who, in coordination with the senior United States officer present, may utilize United States personnel and their equipment as required to carry out UNTEA operations.

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