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COMPLAINT OF DETENTION AND IMPRISONMENT OF UNITED NATIONS MILITARY
PERSONNEL IN VIOLATION OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

Exchange of cablegrams between the Secretary-General of the
United Nations and the Prime Minister of the State Council
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic
of China

- A. Cablegram dated 10 December 1954 addressed to the Prime Minister of
the State Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's
Republic of China by the Secretary-General

New York, 10 December 1954

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS REQUESTED ME TO SEEK THE
RELEASE OF ELEVEN UNITED NATIONS COMMAND PERSONNEL CAPTURED BY CHINESE FORCES
ON 12 JANUARY 1953 AS WELL AS OF ALL OTHER CAPTURED PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS COMMAND STILL DETAINED. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL FACTS AND
CIRCUMSTANCES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MUST, IN THIS CASE, TAKE ON HIMSELF A
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONCERN I FEEL ABOUT THE ISSUE,
I WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH YOU PERSONALLY.
FOR THAT REASON I WOULD ASK YOU WHETHER YOU COULD RECEIVE ME IN PEKING. I
WOULD SUGGEST A VISIT SOON AFTER 26 DECEMBER AND WOULD, IF YOU ACCEPT MY
PROPOSAL, ASK YOU WHAT DATE AT ABOUT THAT TIME WOULD BE SUITABLE TO YOU. -
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS.

- B. Cablegram dated 17 December 1954 addressed to the Secretary-General by the Prime Minister of the State Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

Peking, 17 December 1954

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR CABLES OF 10 DECEMBER 1954 IN WHICH YOU INDICATED YOUR WISH TO VISIT CHINA. REGARDING THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES SPIES MENTIONED IN YOUR CABLE, OUR POSITION HAS BEEN SET FORTH IN MY OTHER CABLE ADDRESSED TO YOU. IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, I AM PREPARED TO RECEIVE YOU IN OUR CAPITAL, PEKING, TO DISCUSS WITH YOU PERTINENT QUESTIONS. WE WELCOME YOU TO CHINA. PLEASE DECIDE FOR YOURSELF THE DATE OF YOUR VISIT AND INFORM US OF YOUR DECISION. - CHOU EN-LAI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE COUNCIL AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

- C. Cablegram dated 17 December 1954 addressed to the Prime Minister of the State Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China by the Secretary-General

New York, 17 December 1954

I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CABLE OF 17 DECEMBER CONCERNING MY PROPOSAL FOR A VISIT TO PEKING. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING YOU. IN VIEW OF NECESSARY PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS I AM NOT YET IN A POSITION TO FIX A DATE FOR THE ARRIVAL NOR CAN I SAY DEFINITELY WHO WILL COME WITH ME. I MAY GET AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST CONTACT CONCERNING SOME OF THESE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOUR AMBASSADOR IN STOCKHOLM. - DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS.

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