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Dear Bud,

This will reply to your letter of the 14th. An official inquiry was made by the United Nations in the case of the death of Dag Hammarskjold, by a Commission appointed by the General Assembly. The Commission's report is contained in documents A/5069 and Add.1, dated 24 April 1962, copy of which I am sending you under separate cover.


There was no formal investigation into the death of Patrice Lumumba, although this event was discussed in meetings of the Security Council. It would be a time-consuming task to track down the verbatim records containing the relevant discussions and I doubt if they would add anything to the information that was published in the newspapers at the time.

In the case of Adlai Stevenson, his death was the subject of tributes and expressions of condolence, as is always the case in the demise of heads of delegations and past officers of various United Nations bodies. There was no discussion of the cause of death or related circumstances.

I am not aware of any references to the deaths of the others mentioned in your letter. If those deaths were mentioned, it would have been in the nature of tributes and condolences.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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