

C O P Y

29 March 1954.

Dear Dr. Candau,

Mr. Grant advised me this morning of his telephone conversation with you and informed me that it was not possible for my letter of 24 March 1954 to the Director-General to be acknowledged but that my attention was directed to the fact that the Government of the United States of America had not ratified the Convention on Privileges and Immunities.

Some hours afterwards I received your cablegram no. 35.

I wish to apologize for the trouble and expense I caused by writing for guidance and instructions. I should like it to be very clear that in doing so I was in no way trying to compel any guarantees or to transfer to anyone else a decision which is my own responsibility and according to my own conscience. I wrote to you on 24 March 1954 because I had been advised that it was my duty as a staff member to inform you, in the event that there were policy instructions relevant to my case about which information was not available here.

I entirely understand the view expressed in your cablegram and in the light of that message I believe that it would not be appropriate for me to continue to advise Headquarters if there should be further developments in this matter. I hope that my interpretation is correct in this respect and that there would be no grounds for future criticism on the score of failure to keep the appropriate officials advised.

Finally, Mr. Grant informed me that the transatlantic telephone call of this morning was necessitated solely by my personal problem. I feel that this call and the cablegram should be charged against my personal account, as I do not wish WHO to have to bear this expense on my behalf. I would be grateful if you would instruct the accounts office accordingly.

Thank you for all the consideration you have extended, out of your very busy hours--I am only sorry to have added to your work.

Yours sincerely, etc. SM