

CONFERENCE
OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT
OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

Belgrade, September 5, 1961.

Your Excellency,

We, the Heads of States and Governments of our respective countries attending the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries held at Belgrade from September 1 to September 5, 1961 venture to address Your Excellency on a subject of vital and immediate importance to all of us and to the world as a whole. We do so not only on our own behalf, but at the unanimous desire of the Conference and of our peoples.

We are distressed and deeply concerned at the deterioration in the international situation and the prospect of war which now threatens humanity. Your Excellency has often pointed to the terrible nature of modern war and the use of nuclear weapons, which may well destroy humanity, and has pleaded for the maintenance of world peace.

Yet we are at the brink of this very danger that menaces the world and humanity. We are fully aware that Your Excellency is anxious as any of us to avoid this dreadful development which will not

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His Excellency Mr. John F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America
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only end the hopes that we all have cherished for the advancement of our peoples but is a challenge to human survival. We are certain that Your Excellency will do everything in your power to avert such a calamity.

Having regard, however, to the gravity of the crisis that menaces the world and the urgent need to avert the developments that may precipitate it, we take the liberty of urging on the Great Powers concerned that negotiations should be resumed and pursued so that the danger of war might be removed from the world and mankind adopts ways of peace. In particular, we earnestly request for direct negotiations between Your Excellency and the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, who represent the two most powerful nations today and in whose hands lies the key to peace and war. We feel convinced that devoted as both of you are to world peace, your efforts through persistent negotiations will lead to a way out of the present impasse and enable the world and humanity to work and live for prosperity and peace.

We feel sure that Your Excellency will appreciate that this letter is written because of our love of peace and our horror of war and the compelling desire that a way out must be found before mankind is faced with a terrible disaster.

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We are sending a letter in identical terms to this to His Excellency Mr. N. S. Khrushchev, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

With assurances of our deep regard,

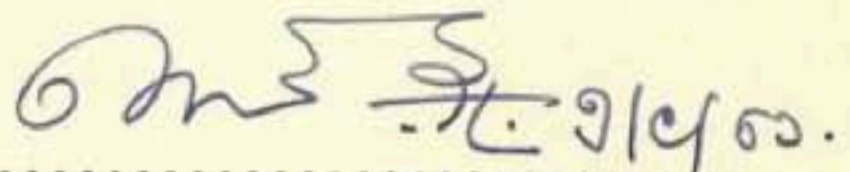
Yours sincerely,



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Sardar Mohammad Daoud
Prime Minister of Afganistan



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Ben Youssef Ben Khedda
President of the Council of the
Algerian Provisional Government



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Prime Minister of the Union of Burma

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Prince Norodom Sihanouk
Head of State of Cambodia

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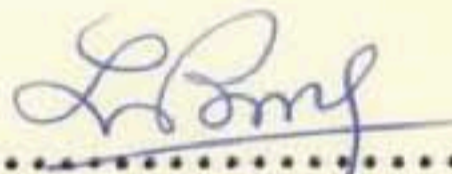
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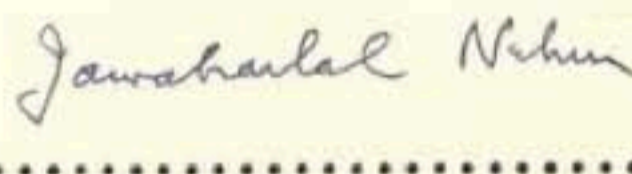
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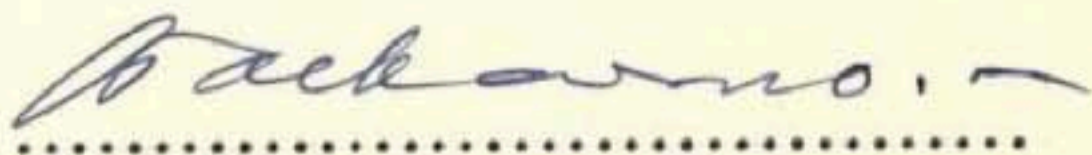
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Dr. Achmad Soekarno
President of the Republic of Indonesia

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Hashim Jawad

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Personal Plenipotentiary of the
Prime Minister of Iraq
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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President of the Council of Ministers

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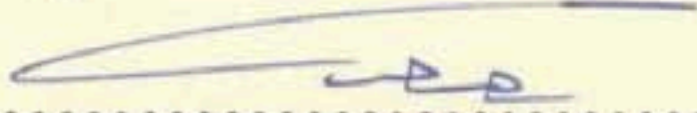
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King Hassan II of Morocco

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Minister of Foreign Affairs
Personal Representative of King Saud
Of Saudi Arabia



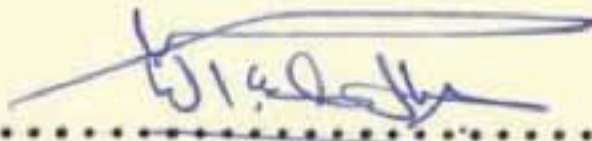
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Ibrahim Abboud
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President of the Supreme Council for
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of the Republic of the Sudan

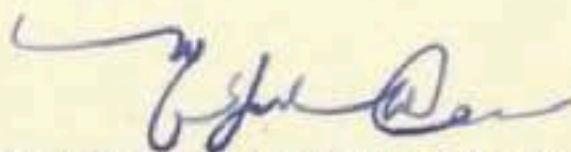


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President of the Republic of Tunisia

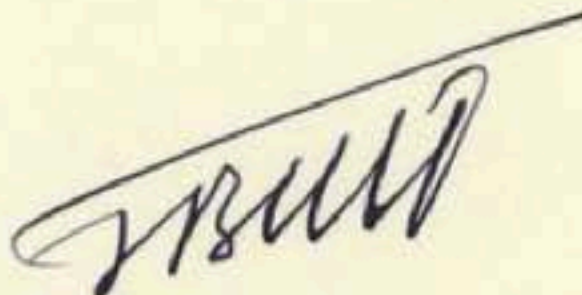


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Gamal Abdel Nasser
President of the United Arab Republic

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H.R.H. Seful Islam El Hassan
Personal Representative of H.M. Al Imam
Ahmed the King of Yemen and the First
Councillor of the Yemen Government



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Josip Broz-Tito
President of the Federal People's
Republic of Yugoslavia