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LETTER DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 1958 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

New York, 19 September 1958

I have the honour to transmit the text of a Note delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR on 10 September by Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy in Moscow.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for it to be circulated for the information of all Members of the United Nations.

(Signed) Pierson DIXON

10 September 1958

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and, with reference to the Ministry's note of 30 August of this year,<sup>1/</sup> have the honour to state that Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom note with gratification that the Government of the USSR has agreed to the date of 31 October 1958, as proposed by Her Majesty's Government, for the beginning of negotiations among representatives of the United States, the USSR and the United Kingdom on the question of the suspension of nuclear weapons tests and the actual establishment of an international control system on the basis of the report of the Geneva conference of experts.<sup>2/</sup> Her Majesty's Government further note that the Government of the USSR suggests that these discussions be held in Geneva. Her Majesty's Government agree to this location. Her Majesty's Government are informed that the Secretary-General of the United Nations can make conference facilities and secretariat services available at the Palais des Nations.

2. The Government of the USSR also proposes that a period of two to three weeks be set for the duration of the proposed discussions. Her Majesty's Government of course agree that the negotiations should be concluded as quickly as possible, but believe that their importance requires the expenditure of whatever time may mutually be deemed necessary for their successful conclusion. The leader of the United Kingdom Delegation to the conference will be nominated later.

3. With regard to the other issues raised in the note and those discussed by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR in the statement attached to the note of the Government of the USSR, the views of Her Majesty's Government are as set forth in their statement of 22 August which was attached to the Embassy's note of that date.<sup>3/</sup> Her Majesty's Government propose that these issues be reserved for discussion at the meetings which will commence at Geneva on 31 October.

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