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LETTER DATED 17 JANUARY 1955 FROM THE OBSERVER OF ITALY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND YUGOSLAVIA, ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to refer to the letter sent on behalf of our Governments to the President of the Security Council on October 5, 1954, concerning practical arrangements for the Free Territory of Trieste. Enclosed with that communication was the text of the Memorandum of Understanding initialled at London on that date by representatives of Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, together with its annexes, including a map illustrating the boundary adjustments which were to be carried out prior to termination of United States-United Kingdom and Yugoslav Military Government in Zones A and B of the Territory. In the letter referred to above, it was indicated that a further report would be made at a later date.

We now desire to report for the information of the members of the Security Council that the necessary steps have been taken to carry out the arrangements provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding. The preliminary demarcation of the boundary with the agreed adjustments was carried out as planned by representatives of the Allied Military Government and the Yugoslav Military Government. On October 26, 1954, the United States-United Kingdom Military Government was terminated in Zone A, and the small remaining military contingents of both countries were withdrawn. On the same day administration of the area as newly demarcated was relinquished to the Government of Italy, which has instituted civilian government under a Commissioner General ("Commisario Generale"). The Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia has similarly replaced military with civilian administration in the area which it administers.

The Italian and Yugoslav Governments have appointed a Boundary Commission, which is effecting a more precise demarcation of the boundary in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding. Negotiations are already under way between the Italian and Yugoslav Governments regarding an agreement to regulate local border traffic.

That all of the foregoing steps have been carried out in the Territory of Trieste in an orderly fashion is a tribute to the patience, understanding and co-operation of all elements of the population of the areas concerned.

Accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed) Gastone Guidotti
Observer of Italy to the United Nations

(Signed) Sir Pierson Dixon
Representative of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland
to the United Nations

(Signed) Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.
Representative of the United States of America
to the United Nations

(Signed) Joza J. Brilej
Representative of the Federal People's Republic
of Yugoslavia to the United Nations

