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LETTER DATED 5 MARCH 1965 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 54-238 dated 1 March 1965.^{1/}

As you are aware, General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX) authorized "the President of the General Assembly to establish a Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations ... the composition of which would be announced by the President after appropriate consultations".

I undertook these consultations over a protracted period and my concern was to achieve a balanced composition which would be most conducive to the implementation of the objectives of the resolution. I had naturally to take into account various points of view and various claims for inclusion in the Committee, which had already become very large. In the circumstances, the final composition could be reached only on the basis of the greatest common measure of agreement, and I could not possibly find a place for every country which wished to be represented on the Committee.

Your statement regarding the "calculated discrimination against the Republic of China" and your observations in regard to the office of the Presidency have pained me. In the circumstances explained, I must say that these views are inaccurate and unfair.

Your Government has, of course, the right to review any conclusions that may be reached by the Special Committee, as do all Member Governments, when the conclusions of the Committee are discussed in the General Assembly in due course.

(Signed) Alex QUATSON-SACKEY
President of the General Assembly

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