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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES*

Letter dated 18 February 1965 from the Permanent
Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly documents A/5880 and A/5882 and the draft resolution circulated as document A/L.460 about the supervision of the elections to be held in the Cook Islands.

My delegation has raised no objection to draft resolution A/L.460, since the proposals contained therein represent an arrangement expressly invited by and fully acceptable to the administering Government concerned. In the view of the United Kingdom Government the key element in this arrangement is the full agreement and co-operation of the administering Government. My delegation wishes to make it quite clear, in case there should be any doubt now or in the future, that in my Government's view other Member States with similar responsibilities are not obliged, as a result of the adoption by the General Assembly of this resolution with regard to the Cook Islands, to adopt the same procedure in relation to the territories for which they are responsible.

I shall be grateful if you will arrange for the circulation of this letter as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) CARADON

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