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Dated 27th July 1948.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Stationery and Printing Service — Menon Sri K. P. R. — Deputy Superintendent, Government Press — Loan of Services to the United Nations Secretariat, Lake Success. — Sanctioned.

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Ms.	3346	Edn.	29.12.51				
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Ms.	89	Edn	16.1.53.				
Ms	1220	PW	30.4.58				

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INDIA DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
350 FIFTH AVENUE ROOM 6212
NEW YORK I, N.Y.

March 23, 1948

Dear Shri. Avanashalingam Chettiar,

We have met only once in Delhi in 1945, but all the same I hope you will forgive the liberty I am taking. I am writing this letter in behalf of Mr. K. P. Raghava Menon, Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press in Madras. He is now in this country on deputation. I understand that the United Nations Secretariat has addressed a letter to Dr. Pillai, our permanent representative with the United Nations, and requested him to obtain for the United Nations Secretariat the services of Mr. Menon for a period of two years. Mr. Menon's work is personally known to you and I do not propose to say anything about that, but there is one aspect of this matter which I would like you to consider. The Government of India have repeatedly brought to the notice of the United Nations Secretariat the fact that Indian representation on the Secretariat is very meagre. The fault has not been entirely with the United Nations. I believe it is true that though several persons have applied to the Government of India for appointment at the headquarters of the United Nations, that Government has done very little in taking any initiative in this matter.

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It seems to me from this point of view the appointment of a person like Mr. Menon with his qualifications and ability and experience on the staff of the United Nations must be distinctly advantageous to us, and I am therefore taking the liberty of writing to you and suggesting that if and when the United Nations' request reaches the Madras Government, you would view this request sympathetically and approve Mr. Menon's deputation for this purpose.

Wishing you every success in your present sphere of work, and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

M.K. Vellodi

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SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

24761

1st April, 1948.

Dear Mr. Vellodi,

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Thanks for your letter of the 23rd March asking me to relieve Mr. K. P.Raghav Menon, Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press in Madras for appointment in the United Nations Secretariat. I suppose it is the same gentleman whom we have sent on deputation for study in England and America. If that is so, we must consider whether it will be possible for us to spare him. In any case, I am looking into the matter and I hope we shall be able to give a definite reply when the request reaches us officially through the Government of India.

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I hope things are going on well there. I appreciate your idea that we must send some of our best men to the

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United Nations Secretariat, so that we may make a good impression at that end and let me assure you that I shall try to do what I can in this direction.

I shall be glad to have pamphlets or brochures from you dealing with progressive ideas in education, if you can find time to be on the look out for them and send them on to me.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

TSA
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To

Sri M.K.Vellodi,
India Delegation to the United Nations,
350 Fifth Avenue Room 6212,
New York 1, N.Y.

Copy to Secy.,EPH (with the original letter)

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BY AIR MAIL.

No.D.1330-UNOI/48.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India in the
Ministry of External Affairs
& Commonwealth Relations,

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
28 APR 1948

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

ADDL. ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
25 APR 1948
CHIEF SECRETARIAT

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Dated New Delhi 3, the 21st April, 1948.

Subject:- Appointment of Mr. K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, in the United Nations Secretariat.

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Sir,

I am directed to attach copy of a telegram from our Representative in the United Nations, and to state that the Government of India supports the suggestion for Mr. Menon's deputation to the United Nations. The Government of Madras is requested to inform this Ministry at an early date of the action taken in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to :-

The Representative for India in the United Nations,
India Delegation Office,
350. Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK.

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From .... Indiadel, New York.
To .... Foreign, New Delhi.
No. 270-S
Dated 17th (& received 18th) April 1948 TOO 1500
TOR 0300

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KALATHIL PERAZI RAGVAVA Menon Deputy Superintendent Government Press Madras, now in the States on special duty from his Government, has been interviewed by U N Secretariat which desires to offer him a two years appointment as management engineer in Bureau of Administrative Management on initial salary of dollars 4910 per annum plus allowances amounting to about dollars 1800 per annum. U.N. will pay his travelling expenses to and from, as he is leaving for India today. The U.N. will make reimbursement for his pension contribution to Government of Madras if it does not exceed the contribution required under U.N. pension scheme which is now 14 per cent of basic salary.

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Recommend that Government of Madras may be moved to sanction his secondment. Copy of his application to U.N. Air Mailed today.

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PS TO PM (2), UNO I BRANCH (3), FS, JSX, JS(UNO)
DS(UNO) & SECY CR WING.

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Govt. Press. Sri K.P.R. Menon, Dy. Supdt., Govt. Press. — Appointment in the United Nations Secretariat.

From the Govt. of India in the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations No. D. 1330-2 NO I/48 dated 21.4.48

Endt. No. 24761/F1/48-1. Edu. d. 30.4.48.

Referred to the S.G.P for very early remarks.

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To the S.G.P
(with a copy of pp 7-9 cf)

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From
A. Lepper Esq.,
Superintendent, Government Press,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
Fort St. George.

No. 119/Mis. Dated: 4th May 1948.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
4 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sub:- Government Press - Sri K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press - appointment in the United Nations Secretariat.

Ref:- Endorsement No. 24761-F-1/48-1, Edn., dated 30th April 1948.

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With reference to the Endorsement referred to above on the copy of letter from Government of India in the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations attaching copy of a telegram from the Government of India Representative in the United Nations Organization, I have the honour to state that I recommend most strongly the two years appointment of Mr. K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, Madras in the United Nations Secretariat.

2. He is the type of officer who, given such encouragement, will work hard and derive great benefit by this opportunity to the ultimate advantage of the Government of Madras.

ALepper
Superintendent.

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Letter | Ref. No. 24761/F1/48-3 Edn. d. 14/5/48

To.

The Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of India
in the Ministry of External Affairs
& Commonwealth Relations.
New Delhi (3).

Sir,

Sub: Appointment of Mr. K.P.R. Menon, Dy. Supt. Govt. Press, Madras, in the U.N. Secretariat.

p7 cf — ~~With your reference~~ Adverting to your letter No. D. 1. 1330-UNO1/48. d. 21.4.48. I am directed to state that this Govt have no objection ~~to~~ lending the Services of Sri ~~Mr.~~ K.P.R. Menon, Dy S. G. P, ~~Govt~~ Madras for ~~an~~ appointment in the U. N. Secretariat as Management Engineer in Bureau of Administrative Management for a period of two years only on an initial salary of ~~from the date of appointment~~, subject to the ~~following~~ conditions that his travelling expenses from and to India will be met by U. N and that U.N. will make reimbursement for his pension contribution to this Govt. ~~of Madras~~

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4910 dollars per annum
plus allowances
amounting to about
1800 dollars per annum

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Copy to the A. G ✓
" S. G. P ✓
S/c.

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Education and Public Health Deptt
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Govt Press – Sri K.P.R. Menon – Dy Supdt, Govt Press Submitting Application for appt in the U.N. Secretariat without permission of this Govt – Explanation called for.

p.134 From the S.G.P. No. 119/Res dated 4-5-1968

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Memo No. 24761/F1/68-4. Edn. d. 14.5.68

The S.G.P is requested to obtain and submit to Govt at an early date with his remarks the explanation of Sri K.P.R. Menon as to how he applied to the United Nations Secretariat for an appointment without the previous permission of this Govt.

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To
The S.G.P.

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No. D.14 -UNO I/48.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MINISTRY
~~DEPARTMENT~~ OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS.

New Delhi, (3), the 14 May 1948.

FROM
DEPUTY
THE ~~UNDER~~ SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Ministry ~~DEPARTMENT~~ OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS.

TO
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
15 MAY 1948
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
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Subject:—Appointment of Mr.K.P.R.Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, in the United Nations Secretariat.

Sir,

In continuation of our letter No. 1330-UNO I/48 dated 21st April 1948. I am directed to forward a photostat copy of Mr. K.P.R.Menon's application.

attached

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

CHIEF SECRETARY
877
15 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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UN and Related Agencies
Form P/11 Jan. 1947

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer each question clearly and completely. Type or print in ink. Read carefully and follow all directions. If you need more space, attach additional pages of the same size.

UNITED NATIONS
Personal History

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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1. Surname	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Name, If Any
MENON	KALATHIL PERAZHI	RAGHAVA	

2. Mailing Address: C/o INDIAN EMBASSY, 2107 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W, WASHINGTON, D.C, U.S.A.
Telephone Number:

3. (A) Present Residence (Specify City, Province or State, and Country) (Till 16th March '48): GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL, 7th AVENUE, 31st STREET, NEW YORK
(B) Length of Residence: TWO WEEKS.

4. (A) Place of Birth	(B) Date of Birth	(C) Citizenship at Birth	(D) Present Citizenship
CALICUT, INDIA	24TH JUNE 1910	BRITISH INDIAN	INDIAN.

5. Sex (Check one) Male ☑ Female ☐

6. Marital Status (Check one) Single ☐ Married ☑ Widow(er) ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐

7. Have you any dependents? Yes ☑ No ☐ If answer is "Yes" give following information:

Name	Age	Relationship	Name	Age	Relationship
SHARADA	30	WIFE			
SHOBHANA	1	DAUGHTER			
MRS. C.R. NEDUNGADI	59	widowed Mother.			

8. Have you any near relatives who are employed by a public international organization? Yes ☐ No ☑ If answer is "Yes" give following information:

(A) Name	(B) Relationship	(C) International Organization

9. LANGUAGES
(List mother tongue first)

	READ			WRITE			SPEAK		
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Good	Fair
ENGLISH	✓			✓			✓		
MALAYALAM	✓				✓			✓	
TAMIL			✓			✓			✓
SANSKRIT			✓			✓			
HINDUSTANI			✓			✓			✓

10. FOR CLERICAL GRADES ONLY
(A) Indicate speed in words per minute.

	English	French	Other Languages	
Typing				
Shorthand				

(B) List any special skills you possess and machines and equipment you can use.

Dates		Salaries Per Annum	
From	To	Starting	Final
1936	1944	Rs. 2400	Rs. 7260.

Exact Title of Your Post ASST. SUPT., GOVT. PRESS, MADRAS.

Name of Employer GOVT. OF MADRAS

Type of Business

Address of Employer GOVT. OF MADRAS, FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS

Name of Supervisor MR. A. LEPPER. SUPT., GOVT. PRESS, MADRAS

Number and Kind of Employees Supervised by You ABOUT 500 (10 to 15 Clerks and the rest Industrial Staff)

Reason for Leaving

Description of Your Work

19. Have you any objections to our making inquiries of your present employer? Yes ☐ No ☑

20. References: List three persons not related to you who are familiar with your character and qualifications. Do not repeat names of supervisors listed under Item 18.

Full Name	Full Address (Telephone No. if known)	Business or Occupation
1. K. N. SUBRAHMANIAN, I.C.S.	148-45 ASH AVENUE, FLUSHING, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. ~~Phone: Flushing~~ Telephone: FLUSHING - 8 - 4032.	Till recently employed in the Bureau ~~of~~ of Administrative Methods, ~~and Bank~~ U.N.O. Secretariat
2. A. KHALEELI, I.C.S.	Joint Secretary, Industries Dept., Govt. of Pakistan, Karachi, Pakistan	Joint Secretary, Pakistan Secretariat.
3. T. P. RAM Esq.	Second Secretary, Indian Embassy, Washington, D.C.	Diplomatic Service.

21. For what kinds of work do you wish to be considered? Position of an Executive or Chief of Section in the Bureau of Administrative Methods or Dept. of Public Information.

22. State any other relevant facts. Include information regarding any residence or prolonged travel abroad, giving dates, areas, purpose, etc. Also state any disabilities which might limit your field of work. Final appointment may be subject to a physical examination.

I am now on special work, having been asked by my Government to study administrative Procedure and Methods in His Majesty's Stationery Office, England. I have just completed about 3 months training in London and am now, under instructions from my Govt., visiting various Printing and Publishing firms in ~~the~~ U.S.A. to study Factory Organization and the Methods and Procedure adopted in America.

If it is proposed to offer me an appointment in the U.N.O. Secretariat, I request that the Government of Madras be kindly requested through DR. P. P. PILLAI, Permanent Head of the Indian Delegation to the U.N.O., New York, to release my services, while retaining my lien on my permanent post under the ~~Govt.~~ Government of Madras.

I certify that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date 5th March 1948 Signature R. Menon

18. EMPLOYMENT RECORD: Starting with your present post, list in reverse order every employment during the last ten years and any significant experience not included in that period which you believe will be helpful in evaluating your record. Use a separate block for each post. Use additional sheets of paper as required. Include service in the armed forces.

Present or Most Recent Post

Dates From	Dates To	Salaries Per Annum Starting	Salaries Per Annum Most Recent (June '48)
1946	1948	Rs. 9160	Rs. 9420

Exact Title of Your Post: DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, GOVERNMENT PRESS, MADRAS.

Name of Employer: GOVT. OF MADRAS

Type of Business:

Address of Employer: GOVT OF MADRAS, FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

Name of Supervisor: MR. A. LEPPER.
SUPT, GOVT PRESS, MADRAS

Number and Kind of Employees Supervised by You: 700 (CLERICAL AND INDUSTRIAL)

Reason for Leaving, If Applicable:

Description of Your Work: (DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THE ENCLOSURE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM.)

Dates From	Dates To	Salaries Per Annum Starting	Salaries Per Annum Final
1945		Rs. 9160	Rs. 11,928 ~~Rs. 9~~

Exact Title of Your Post: DEPUTY PAPER CONTROLLER.

Name of Employer: GOVT. OF MADRAS

Type of Business:

Address of Employer: GOVT. OF MADRAS, FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

Name of Supervisor: MR. A. KHALEELI, I.C.S.
Joint Secretary, Industries Dept, [illegible]

Number and Kind of Employees Supervised by You: 3 Executives, 2 chiefs of Sections, 15 Inspectors, 30 clerks and 30 office boys.

Reason for Leaving: Relaxing of Paper Control.

Description of Your Work: ~~Administration~~

Dates From	Dates To	Salaries Per Annum Starting	Salaries Per Annum Final
1944		Rs. 14,100	Rs. 14,100/-

Exact Title of Your Post: SUPT., GOVERNMENT PRESS, MADRAS

Name of Employer: GOVT. OF MADRAS

Type of Business:

Address of Employer: GOVT. OF MADRAS, FORT ST GEORGE, MADRAS

Name of Supervisor: ~~DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE~~ SECRETARY TO GOVT., EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Number and Kind of Employees Supervised by You: 2000 (8 Senior Gazetted Officers, ~~[illegible]~~ 12 Executives, about a 100 clerks and the rest industrial staff).

Reason for Leaving: (Acted while my chief was on other duty temporarily)

Description of Your Work:

	Yes	No	
Check appropriate box. 11. (A) Would you accept employment anywhere?	✓		(B) If answer is "No" check any of the following cities at which you would be unwilling to work: Geneva ☐ Paris ☐ Washington ☐ Montreal ☐ New York ☐
12. (A) Are you willing to accept a post requiring travel?	✓		(B) If answer is "Yes" indicate: Occasionally ☐ Frequently ☑ Constantly ☐
13. (A) Would you accept short term employment?	✓		(B) If answer is "Yes" indicate: 1 to 3 Months ☐ 3 to 6 Months ☐ ~~6 to~~ 12 Months or over ☑
14. (A) Have you previously submitted an application for employment with an international organization?	✓		(B) If answer is "Yes" indicate: Organization U. N. O. Date 24th Feb. 1948. " "

15. EDUCATION. Give full details, using the following space insofar as it is appropriate.

(A) University or equivalent:

Name and Place	Years Attended		Degrees and Academic Distinctions	Main Subjects
	From	To		
MADRAS UNIVERSITY	1925	1927	I. Sc. (Intermediate Examination)	MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, AND CHEMISTRY.

(Also attended lectures at BONAR LAW COLLEGE, ASHRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND during evenings between 1933-35 on Politics & Economics)

(B) Schools or other formal training or education from age 14 (e.g. high school, technical school, or apprenticeship)

Name and Place	Type	Years Attended		Certificates or Diplomas Obtained
		From	To	
ZAMORIN'S COLLEGE, CALICUT	HIGH SCHOOL	1924	1925	First Class in Matriculation.
~~Do.~~	~~College~~	~~1925~~	~~1927~~	~~Do.~~
GOVERNMENT PRESS, MADRAS	APPRENTICESHIP	1928	1932	Diplomas in Printing and Allied Trades.
~~LCW~~ LONDON SCHOOL OF PRINTING, LONDON	TECHNICAL	1933	1935	Diploma in Printing, ~~Subjects~~ First Class. Full Technological Certificate. (Prizes in Many Subjects.)

16. List professional societies, and activities in civic, public or international affairs.

(a) WAS MEMBER OF ALL PEOPLES' ASSOCIATION, LONDON BRANCH

(b) WAS MEMBER OF OVERSEAS LEAGUE

17. List any significant publications you have written (do not attach).

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E and PH Dept
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Govt Press - Sri K.P.R. Menon - Dy Supdt, Govt Press -
Appointment in the United Nations Secretariat.

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From the Dy Secy to the Govt, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations -
No D.1459-UNO I/48 dated
11.5.48

Memo No 24761 F1/48-5 Edn dated 20.5-48

A photostat copy of Sri K.P.R Menon's application to the United Nations Secretariat is forwarded to the S.G.P in continuation of Memo No 24761/F1/48-4 dated 14.5.48.

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The S.G.P is requested to return the same with & his reply to the above memo.

To
The S.G.P
(with pp21-24 ef)
to be retd with reply

sent 25/5 with Encl
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From
A. Lepper Esq.,
Superintendent, Government Press,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health
Dept., Fort St. George.

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No. 119/Mis   Dated: 25th May 1948.

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Sir,

Sub:- Government Press - Sri K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press - submission of application for appointment in the United Nation Secretariat without permission of the Madras Government - Explanation called for -

p 17 ante

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 24761 F-1/48-4, Edn., dated 14th May 1948.

With reference to the above Memorandum I have the honour to forward herewith the explanation of Sri K.P.R. Menon as to how he applied to the U.N. Secretariat for an appointment without the previous permission of the Madras Government and have to state that I understand his application was the outcome of the U.N.O's suggestion and offer of a two-year contract and not his own idea and that when Sri K.P.R. Menon informed me of the proposal in March 1948 I rather encouraged him to go ahead realizing that such an appointment would not only be advantageous to him but also to the Madras Government after termination of the contract which opportunity would have been lost had he applied through the proper channel. I request Government to condone his action.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
26 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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A Lepper
Superintendent.

The photostat copy of the application of Sri K.P.R. Menon to the United Nations Sectt sent to the S.G.P for reference and return - vide memo on p 25 ante - may be awaited until 30.5.48

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From

K.P.R. Menon,
Deputy Supt., Govt. Press, Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Education and Public Health Dept.,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Through

The Superintendent,
Government Press, Madras.

20th May 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following explanation with reference to Memo. No. 24761 F-1/48-4 Edn. dated 14th May 1948.

The possibility of working in the Printing, Publications and Forms section of the Bureau of Administrative Methods of the United Nations Secretariat for a period of two years was not considered so much as acceptance of an appointment, as an oppurtunity to acquire experience of methods and procedure adopted by the U.N.O. These methods are modelled after those adopted by the U.S. Govt. offices. The Madras Govt. sent me on deputation to the U.S.A. to learn the methods and procedure in printing, publications and forms adopted in that country. As things turned out, however, the U.S. Govt. Printing Office did not permit me to work in their office on account of Army Security restrictions which prohibited aliens from working there, as confidential work was under printing. The possibility of working for two years in the U.N.O. became known when I called at their Secretariat. During the time I was on deputation in U.K. and U.S.A., I was given full freedom to decide where I should work. I thought that the oppurtunity to work in the U.N.O. would considerably increase my knowledge of technical and administrative methods adopted in America. I considered that on my completion of work in the U.N.O. and return to Madras, my usefulness to the Govt. of Madras would be greatly augmented. This work was, therefore, in the nature of a period of training. I acted on the

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~~on the~~ presumption that I could treat it as equivalent to a further period of deputation in America for two years, but involving no expense to the Govt. of Madras.

There was no time to apply through the proper channels. Therefore, I acted in ~~the~~ anticipation of approval of the Govt. of Madras. I inferred from the fact that the Madras Govt. had sent me to America on deputation that they attached great importance to the experience that I could gather in that country. My inability to work in the U.S. Govt. Printing office was a serious handicap, and it seemed at the time a fortunate circumstance that I could have an oppurtunity to work in the U.N. Secretariat, where the system of work is modelled closely on that of the U.S. Govt. departments.

I wish to assure the Govt. that I thought I was acting in the best interests of my work in the Madras Govt. Press, and, therefore, also in the best interests of the Govt. of Madras. I was also influenced by the knowledge of the great importance that the Govt. of India attached to Indians securing appointments in the United Nations Secretariat. Under the circumstances, I request that the Govt. would be pleased to condone my having acted in this ~~in this~~ instance without having obtained their previous permission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Menon

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CONFIDENTIAL.

From	To
A. Lepper Esq.,	The Secretary to Government,
Superintendent, Government Press,	Education & Public Health Department,
Madras.	Fort St. George.

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No. 119/Mis. Dated: 28th May 1948.

Sir,

Sub:- Government Press - Sri K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press - appointment in United Nations Secretariat.

Ref:- Memorandum No. 24761 F-1/48-5 Edn., dated 20th May 1948. p 25 ante

With reference to the above Memorandum and in continuation of my letter No. 119/Mis dated 25th May 1948, I have the honour to return herewith the photostat copy of Sri K.P.R. Menon's application to the United Nations Secretariat. pp 21-24 ante

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
29 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Superintendent.

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D.O. No.   Dated....

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Dear Lepper,

Sub: Govt. Press - Sri K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Govt. Press - Appointment in the United Nations Organization -

Ref: Your letter No.119 Mis dated 25-5-48.

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I am to ask you/not to proceed with arrangements for relieving Sri K.P.R. Menon to take up the appointment abroad until you hear further from the Government in the matter.

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Yours sincerely

13/5/48.

To:
A. Lepper Esq.,
Supt. Govt. Press.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O.No. 119/Mis.

Government Press,
Madras, 21-7-1948.

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
21 JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Mr. Subrahmanian,

Sub: Mr. K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, Madras - Appointment in the United Nations Secretariat, Lake Success.

When I met you last Friday, you told me that Government had been examining the question of whether Mr. Menon should be asked to refund the expenditure incurred in sending him on deputation for six months to the U.K. and U.S.A., if he was permitted to accept the appointment offered to him by the United Nations. You explained that this question arose as Government thought it possible that he might choose not to return to his post under the Madras Government.

In this connexion, the following points have to be considered:-

(a) Menon was not sent abroad as a Government scholar after entering into an agreement with Government. No agreement having been entered into, he cannot be asked to refund the expenditure incurred on his deputation. Moreover, he was sent on deputation not at his request, but at the instance of Government. He was asked to submit a report and make recommendations regarding purchase of new equipment after visiting machine manufacturers. On his return from deputation, he has submitted his report to me and has made several useful recommendations regarding purchase of new equipment and adoption of certain administrative methods which are now under consideration by me.

I think it is most unlikely that he would stay on with the United Nations. His intention has been to acquire experience of Administrative methods adopted in America so that he can make use of it when he returns to the Government Press.

United Nation's service is different from service under the Government of India. In the case of Officers lent to the Government of India, there may be a possibility that the Central Government may stand in the way of their returning to Madras. But this is not at all the case with United Nations. They have offered only a fixed term contract for two years and the Madras Government have already told the United Nations through the Government of India that his services can be lent only for two years.

Apart from this, Menon's deputation has been well worth while, on account of the useful information regarding new machinery and new methods which he has brought, about which he has given an account in his report. I shall be shortly submitting this to Government for their information. The expenditure incurred has already proved useful to Government.

For the above reasons, I do not think it is feasible to ask him to refund all or any part of the expenditure incurred on his deputation.

(b) The point has been raised that he has made use of the facilities offered by the Madras Government to visit America to try for an appointment there. I feel assured from personal knowledge that he was not really seeking a new appointment, but only seeking an opportunity to acquire knowledge of

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administrative methods adopted in America, which he really hoped would be useful to him as well as the Madras Government. However, he has technically committed a mistake for which he has expressed his regret to the Hon'ble Minister for Education when he questioned him last Friday.

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(c) The Government have already examined the question of whether his services can be lent and have come to a final decision that his services will be lent to the United Nations for two years.

please see pp 41-44 infra

The Madras Government have told the Government of India accordingly, and they, in their turn, have informed the United Nations. The United Nations have, thereafter, made all the arrangements connected with his departure.

p15 ante

I asked you by telephone whether Menon could make arrangements to leave Madras on the 17th and whether I could relieve him on the 16th afternoon. You agreed that this might be done. I informed Menon that he could leave on the 17th and I made arrangements for his release on the 16th afternoon. A copy of your letter to the Government of India, External Affairs Department Ref.No. 24761-F-1/48-3, Edn., dated 14th May 1948 in which you had stated that the Madras Government had no objection to lend his services to the United Nations for two years, was communicated by me officially to Menon, who, consequently, went ahead with preparations for his departure along with his family. He has incurred a lot of expenditure in this connexion, has closed up his establishment, sent away his servants, packed and sent away his clothes and some articles of furniture; in short, he has done all the numerous things that have to be inevitably done in making preparations for living with his family in a distant

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land for a period of two years. He had planned to take his wife and daughter with him on the 17th by Air.

To tell him at the last minute he could be informed about this only on the 16th, a few hours before he and his family were due to fly from Madras - that he must cancel all arrangements, seems very hard on them. The United Nations had already paid for the Air passages and had made hotel reservations and several cables had to be sent for cancellation.

(d) The Government having already agreed to the request of the United Nations, they are already committed to send him. It would not be in keeping with the dignity of the Madras Government, as well as the Government of India (through whom the committal was made) to go back on what has already been promised, especially as this is a case where an international body of the status of a foreign Government is concerned. The Government of India might also feel considerable embarrassment should the Madras Government go back on the orders already passed.

(e) If the alternative is placed before Menon that in case he has to be permitted to join the United Nations Secretariat, he must refund to Government what has been spent on his deputation, he will be forced to say that he will not join the United Nations. He has told me that he has no means whatever of even paying a very small fraction of it.

Having examined the foregoing points, it would appear inevitable that the Madras Government should release Menon as soon as possible to take up his

duties with the United Nations. It would be a loss as much to the Madras Government as to him if he were not permitted to do so without laying conditions which he would find it, impossible to fulfil.

Under your instructions, I asked Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons to cancel the Air passages which they had booked for Menon, his wife and daughter. They have, however, told me, that there is usually a cancellation fee, unless tickets are booked again within a reasonable time. They told me that if I could tell them on the 22nd or 23rd, it may be possible to ask the Air Lines to waive the cancellation fee.

Menon has told me that he has closed down his establishment and sent away his servants and some of his clothes; furniture and personal effects. Hence it is obvious that he must be finding it very difficult to stay on in Madras. Therefore, I would request you to place these points before Government before final orders are passed. 24th is a penultimate Saturday and 25th being Sunday it would be useful if you could kindly let me know by phone by Friday the 23rd whether I might inform Cook's that it was only a postponement of journey and ask them to tell the Air Lines accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

M.V. Subrahmanian Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Cables: RAY, FEDSERCOM, NEW DELHI.

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Dr. R. M. Ray, Ph.D., F.S.S. (Lond.)
U. N. Field Recruitment Officer:
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COUNCIL HOUSE,
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u.o 877/48-1
17.5.48
E&P.H

UNDER SECRETARY
C. No. 1093
28 JUN 1948
28/6
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
30 JUN 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Reference: UNO/P/775

25th June, 1948.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary-General of United Nations to inform you that one Mr.K.P.Raghava Menon, Deputy Superintendent Government Press, Madras, has been offered an appointment on the staff of the United Nations Secretariat. A copy of the formal offer of appointment to Mr.Raghava Menon is enclosed for information.

I am to request that early steps may kindly be taken to release Mr.Menon for duties with the United Nations if he accepts the offer of appointment.

Yours faithfully,

RmRay
(R.M.Ray)

Public (Spl-B) Dept. 26/6.

~~This may be sent to~~ E&P.H. u.o. in continuation of this dept's u.o. 877/48-1 dated 17.5.48.

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Cables: RAY. FEDSERCOM. NEW DELHI

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UNDER SECRE
28 JUN 194
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

Reference: UNO/P/775

25th June, 1948.

Mr.K.P.Raghava Menon,
Deputy Superintendent,
Government Press,
Madras.

Dear Mr.Menon,

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I am directed by the Secretary-General of United Nations to offer you a two-year fixed term appointment at Grade 12, salary 4910 dollars net (U.S.Dollars) to the staff of the Secretariat as Management Engineer, Bureau of Administrative Management and Budget.

If you accept this offer, your appointment will commence fro the date you depart from India for continuous travel to New York. You are required to report to United Nations as soon as possible. A formal agreement will be prepared for signatures upon your arrival at New York Headquarters at which time you will be required to take the oath of office and to present evidence of your nationality in the form of a passport, birth certificate, or other documentary evidence approved by your national government.

You are requested to arrange your own transportation reservations. United Nations has asked that in this case you travel by air. This is because your appointment dates from the time you leave India. I will need to know the name of the air line, the number of the flight on which you hold space, the date of departure and the estimated time of arrival in New York so that United Nations can prepay the costs of your transportation. Since you have a two-year appointment, United Nations will pay transportation costs for your wife and dependent children. Kindly let me know if they are t accompany you so that United Nations may make the necessary arrangements. If you desire hotel accommodations on your arrival in New York, I shall be pleased to arrange this with United Nations Headquarters.

If you accept this appointment, United Nations will arrang to have the United States Consul in Madras issue you a 3(7) visa t permit your entry into the United States. It will be your responsibility to call on the United States Consul for this visa. Should your wife and children be accompanying you or following you at a later date, we shall be required to have their full names and

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dates of birth so that the necessary visas may be authorized for them as well.

If there is any other information you would like concerning this offer of appointment, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours truly,

Ray

(R.M.Ray)

O.M. 13/7

E.S.P.H.

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The main file on this subject bearing the C.No 24761/48 has been circulated to H.Pr. Thro' H.M(Edn) on 28-6-48. The return of the file may be awaited.

Sri 8.7.48 Please see the letter from Sri K.P.R. Menon Dy Supdt. Govt Press since received at p. 5 infra. The return of the main file may be awaited until 10.7.48.

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The file mentioned above has not yet returned to this section. Principal Secy P.A. to H.Pr. may be reminded.

Sri 12.7.48

an 12.7.48

NM 13/7/48 S / 13/7/48

The file has been returned with orders

H.Pr.

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13.7.48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
14 JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Madras, 5th July 1948.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6 JUL 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

From
K.P.R. Menon,
Deputy Superintendent,
Government Press, Madras.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Thro'
The Superintendent,
Government Press, Madras.

Sir,

I have received an offer of appointment from the United Nations to their Secretariat in Lake Success, New York as Methods Engineer, in Bureau of Administrative Management and Budget. The Government of Madras, having agreed to place my services at the disposal of the United Nations, I have accepted this offer. The United Nations have asked that I should join their Secretariat as soon as possible. I have arranged to fly from Madras on Saturday the 17th instant to Karachi en route to New York. I request that I may be relieved on the afternoon of Friday the 16th July 1948.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. Menon.

ENDT. No. 119-this-

Forwarded

Alagappan
Superintendent
Government Press

Madras
5th July 1948

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(Continued from p. 4 ante.)

The main file referred to is linked. Orders of HPr are awaited therein until 19.7.48. Sri K.P.R. Menon cannot be relieved until then. The S.G.P. has also been told to await further orders of Govt for relieving Mr Menon. / p33 cf infra

This may lie over until 19.7.48

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Education and Public Health Department.

D.O.

Fort St. George,
23rd July 1948.

Dear Lepper,

Sri K.P.R.Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press - Appointment in the United Nations Organization.

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p33 cf

Please see my D.O. of the 13th July on the subject. The Government have since agreed to Sri K.P.R. Menon's taking up appointment on the staff of the United Nations Secretariat. Formal orders placing his services at the disposal of the United Nations Organization will be issued shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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23/7/48

Fair (AS)
below

A.Lepper, Esq.,
Superintendent,
Government Press.

Despatched by Spl. Messenger at 2-10 P.M. today.
23/7/48

Issue to go
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27/7/48

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Edn. & P.H.Dept.(F1).

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Sub:- Madras Stationery and Printing Service - Menon, Sri K.P.R.- Deputy Superintendent, Government Press - Loan of services to the United Nations Secretariat, Lake Success - Sanctioned.

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Read:- From the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations, No. D.1330-UNOI/48 dated 21-4-1948. p7 cf

From the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations, No. D.1459-UNOI/48 dated 11-5-1948. p19 cf

From the S.G.P., No. 119/Mis. dated 4-5-1948. p13 cf

Letter to the Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, No.24761 F1/48-3, ~~Eduxx~~Education, dated 14-5-48. p15 cf

From the United Nations Field Recruitment Officer, c/o. Federal Public Service Commission, New Delhi, UNO/P/775 dated 25-6-1948. p41 cf

From Sri K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Supdt., Govt. Press, No. nil dated 5-7-48. p45 cf

Endorsement of the S.G.P., No.119/Mis dated 5-7-1948. do

Order Ms. No. 1867 Edn. dated 27-7-1948.

The Government sanction the loan of the services of Sri K.P.R. Menon, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, to the United Nations Secretariat, Lake Success, U.S.A., for a period of two years, for appointment as Management Engineer, ~~in the~~ Bureau of Administrative Management ~~of~~ and Budget in the Secretariat.

2. The loan will be subject to the following conditions:-

(1) Sri Menon will draw an initial salary of 4,910 dollars per annum plus allowances amounting to 1,800 dollars per annum. p9 cf

(2) The United Nations Secretariat will pay Sri Menon's travelling expenses to and from the U.S.A.

(3) The U.N. Secretariat will make reimbursement to this Government for the officer's pensionary ~~and leave~~ contribution subject to the contribution not exceeding 14 % of Sri Menon's basic salary as well as his leave salary contribution.

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26/7/48

To

Sri K.P.R.Menon, Dy.
Supdt., Govt. Press,
(thro' the S.G.P.)

The S.G.P. P.T.O.

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To the A.G. through
Finance Dept.
" Govt. of India, Ministry
of External Affairs
& Commonwealth
Relations, New Delhi.

" U.N.Field Recruitment
Officer, C/o. Federal
Public Service Commission, Council
House, Post Box 186,
New Delhi.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
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Secy E&PH. May be filed
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
7 JUN 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
7 JUN 1948
GOVT. OF MADRAS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 JUN 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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New Delhi 3
Dated 31st May, 1948.

Dear Mr. Chettiar,

Thank you for your letter of 13th May addressed to me in New York which I received here today. If I may say so, you have done a very good thing in sparing Menon's services for work in the United Nations. I have no intimate knowledge of his work but I have heard that he has rendered very useful work as Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, Madras. I have no doubt that he would do equally well in United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

(M.K. Vellodi)

Hon'ble Mr. T.S.Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Madras.

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(The main file in circulation)

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Sri K.P.R. Menon – Loan of services to U.N. Secretariat.

Please See the letter from H.M (Edn) on pp5-Same to Mr. Vellodi of India Delegation to the United Nations. 'X' on page 5 ~~of~~ ante may be awaited till 5.5.48.

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pp 7-9 cf –

Cur 31008 from the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations
No D.1330-UNO.I/48
dated 21.4.48

pp 7.9 cf

The G of I have now forwarded the request of their Representative in the United Nations for the appt. of Sri K.P. Raghavamenon Dy Supdt. Govt Press (now on deputation in America ~~and~~ due to return to India shortly) for a period of 2 years as management Engineer in Bureau of Administrative Management

~~for~~ on ~~[illegible]~~ an initial salary of 4910 dollars per annum plus an allowance of about ~~[illegible]~~ 1800 dollars per annum. The Govt. of India support the request and desire to be informed of the action taken in the matter. It will be seen from the telegram on p. 9 c.f. that Sri K.P.R. Menon has subd. an application for the appt. to the United Nations. It is not known how he subd. the same without the permission of this Govt. Before the proposal is considered further, the remarks of the S.G.P may be called for. The draft endt. below is for appl.

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H.A. (Edn.) may see

28/4/48 S / H.A. (Edn.)

29/4/48

Hon. (Edn.)

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Yes. The opinion of the Superintendent, Govt. Press, may be invited. I remember about this matter that Mr. Vellodi, our representative ~~of~~ at the United Nations, wrote to me and I have also sent him a reply, copy of which, I must have sent to office. That may also be put up for information when the file is put up to me.

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The matter as to how he applied without taking this Government's permission must also be examined. We cannot allow our people who are going on deputation by us to get into contact with outsiders if attractive terms are forthcoming and then ask us permission.

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TSA 29.4.48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
29 APR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

p. 11 c.f. Endt. No. 24761-71/48-1 Edn. dated 30-4-48

p. 13 c.f. Cir. 33000 from the S.G.P No. 119/R.C.S. dated 4-5-48

The papers referred to at 'A' of the minute of H.A. (Edn.) above are at pp 1-6 c.f.

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The S.G.P. recommends most strongly the appt. of Sri K.P.R. Menon for two years in the United Nations Secretariat. The question is whether the services of the Officer can be spared now. The S.G.P. (Mr Lepper) has applied for leave out of India and also deputation for about 10 months from Dec. 1948. He has also applied for permission to resign (for premature retirement) after 25 years of service in 1951. If Mr Lepper is allowed to go on leave and is also permitted to retire in 1951 ~~as~~ a suitable officer is required to take his place. In view what the S.G.P. has stated ~~at~~ in para 2 of his letter on p 13 cf, this Govt. can ill afford to spare the services of ~~Mr~~ Sri K.P.R Menon when Mr Lepper is away.

For orders.

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Endt 2448 SR/48 in original
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to A.S.
Even if Mr. [illegible] Menon is sent [illegible] Mr. A[illegible] [illegible] they be back by then.

2 'B' on p. 3 ante. Sri K.P.R. Menon is due to join duty here shortly. After he joins ① 'C' on p 9 cf
duty, the S.G.P. may be asked to obtain and submit to Govt. the explanation of the officer as to how he applied to the U.N.O. without the permission of this Govt.

For orders.

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Public and Finance may see for remarks before circulation

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Mr. Anderson cannot be counted on: he is under suspension and an enquiry is proceeding against him on a charge on which ~~he has been asked to show cause~~ the punishment we have in view is that he should be compulsorily retired. Mr. Siddique is working as Assistant Superintendent of Stationery. Two posts of Assistant Superintendents are vacant.

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Only Sri Amalanathan and Sri M.R. Srinivasan who are now working in gazetted posts will be available. I phoned to the S.G.P. and put the point to him how the working in the Press could be satisfactorily carried on if he were away on leave and Menon were away on deputation. He said that there should be no difficulty, that he had in mind the bringing of Mr. Siddique back from the office of the Superintendent of Stationery to work as Superintendent of the Press, or the posting of Sri Amalanathan himself (to work as Superintendent of the Press: (Mr. Lepper said Mr. Amalanathan was suitable for that work). And Mr. Lepper expected that the vacant posts of Assistant Superintendents might get filled up also in the meantime. There might be some difficulty, but in view of what Mr. Lepper states we might just be able to make working arrangements. The recommendation of the S.G.P. that the services of Mr. Siddique

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Mr. Menon may be lent to the United Nations Secretariat may, I think, be accepted.

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E.S.P. H.W.No 24761-F1/48-2 6/5/48

Pub. (S.S.)

Pub. Ser. Deptt.

The notes and Correspondence may be perused and the file passed on to Fin.

A on p5 ante may be agreed to in this Dept.

9/5/48

UNDER SECRETARY 8-MAY 1948 1144 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

7.5.48

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 35583 7 MAY 1948 4.30pm FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (C.S.R)

The proposal is to permit Sri K.P. Raghava Menon, Dy. Supdt., Govt. Press (now on deputation in America) to take up appointment as Management Engineer in Bureau of Administrative Management for a period of two years on an initial salary of 4910 dollars per annum plus allowances amounting to about 1800 dollars per annum. The U.N will make reimbursement of his pension contribution to this Govt. if it does not exceed the contribution required under U.N pension scheme which is now 14 % of basic salary. The Supdt. Govt. Press and E.P.H support the proposal.

p.9 c.f

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Sri. Menon was deputed to U.S.A at a considerable expense to this Govt. apparently with the idea that the knowledge acquired by him during the period of deputation would be very useful to this Govt. Now that he is to be appointed in U.S.A itself for a period of two years, he will not be of any use to this Govt. for sometime more. The S.G.P however considers that Sri. Menon is the type of officer who, given such encouragement, will work hard and derive great benefit by this opportunity to the ultimate advantage of this Govt. This ~~propo~~ depth. need not therefore object to the proposal.

p 13 c/

BOX

HM
8.5.48

Yes. There is also the argument of Mr. Vellodi that Indian representation in the U.N.O. requires to be increased. Accepted in Finance. H.M (Fin) may see.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 - MAY 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

E.P.H.
71 ~~Fin~~ 35583 GSR-1
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Public and Finance agree to the proposal of this depth at 'A' on pp 6-7 ante. H.M (Edn)'s minute ~~on p 3 and~~ and the notes from p.3 note onwards may be read.

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The case may be circulated to H.M (Edn) and H.M (Fin) & H.Pr. for orders on the proposal at 'A' on pp 6-7 ante

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May be done.
After H.M. Fin. + H.Pr. see, the file may be put up to me

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11-5-48

H.M (Edn.) ✓
H.M. (Fin.)
H.Pr.

We may agree to his appointment in the U.N.O.

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G.P.R
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
12 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The file may be re-circulated to H.M (Edn) - vide his minute above.

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H.M. (Edn)

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
14 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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The draft letter below to the Govt. of India is submitted for approval.

'A' on p 5 ante. Sri K.P.R. Menon has returned to Madras and has applied for leave for one month. The application has been sent to the AG for certifying the eligibility for the leave. The S.G.P. may be asked to obtain and submit the explanation of the officer as to how he applied to the U.N without the permission of this Govt. A draft memo also is subd. for approval

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p. 17 c/ [Memo no. 24761 71/48-4 Edn dated 14.5.48]

pp 27-30 c/ Lr 38894 from the S.G.P. No 119 / Leis dated 25.5.48

p 31 c/ " " " " , dated 28-5-48

p 17 c/ In Memo no 24761 71/48-4 Edn dated 14.5.48 the S.G.P was asked to obtain and submit with his

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remarks the explanation of Sri K. P. R. Menon for his irregular action in having applied in the U.N. Sectt. for a job without the previous permission of the Govt. Please see the explanation of the officer and the remarks of the S.G.P. given at pp 27-30 c.f. In the circumstances stated therein ~~it is requested~~ the S.G.P ~~reports that~~ recommends that the action of the officer may be condoned. ~~It does not~~ It is for orders whether the matter ~~[illegible]~~ need be pursued further.

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31-5-48

JBM
1/6/48

'Deputation' would certainly not cover private employment, & would not absolve an officer from the rules relating to applications for 'foreign' employment. Whether acceptance of a certain type of employment would be advantageous to Govt. is a matter for Govt. itself to decide & not for an officer to decide on behalf of Govt. The explanation is not acceptable. Mr. Menon may be told that his action was irregular & Mr. Lepper that the advice which he gave ('R' at p. 2) c.f.) was irregular – & they may be directed to see that such an irregularity does not occur again.

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Hr. (Sec.)

The action of both Mr. Menon and Mr. Lepper are not only irregular but very wrong. They may be warned of it in no uncertain terms.

TSA
8-6-48

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A draft order is subd.
H.Pr. should see

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12/6/48

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H.Pr.

Also Recover the cost incurred by our Government from Menon. In future if any Officers ~~have been~~ ~~is~~ sent to foreign contries on Government expense first we will have to take agreement from them that they will have to serve so many years. O.P.R

O.P.R
25/6

25 JUN 1948

Please see the minute of H.Pr. o~~n page 11 ante~~ above.

The above minute is apparently based on the impression that Mr. Menon has got the appointment in the U.N.O. Secretariat on account of the experience he gained during his deputation to the United Kingdom and United States of America. The deputation (3 months in the U.K. and 3 months in the U.S.A.) was for a study of the administrative organisation, control etc., in printing presses and offices in those countries. He has finished his study tour in both the countries and has returned to India. He is now working as Senior Deputy Superintendent Government Press. While he was in America he applied for an appt. in the U.N.O. Secretariat on a ~~XXXXXXXX~~ two years/contract. With reference to this application the U.N.O. offered ~~to~~ Mr. Menon a 2 years appointment as Management Engineer in the Bureau of Administrative Management on an initial salary of 4910 dollars per annum plus allowances amounting to about 1800 dollars per annum. This Government considered the offer and agreed on merits to spare the

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services of Mr. Menon for the above appointment in the U.N.O. Secretariat. Orders confirming the offer of appointment have not yet been received and Mr. Menon has not therefore been relieved yet. When the offer in the U N.O. was under consideration of the Government it was noticed that Mr. Menon applied for the job without the permission of this Government. As this was irregular, he was asked to explain why he did so. His ~~appli~~ explanation and the endorsement of the S.G.P. thereon are at pp 29-30 c.f. As the explanation of Mr. Menon was not satisfactory and as the advice of the S.G.P. to Mr. Menon in the matter was irregular and wrong, it is proposed to give a warning to them. This is the proposal for orders in the file. The proposed appt. in the U.N.O. Secretariat does not appear to have been offered on account of the experience gained by Mr. Menon during his deputation The only connection between his deputation and the appointment offered is that he was aware of the job offered to him and applied for it while he was on deputation in America.

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Box No. 51

In the circumstances, there seems to be ~~some~~ no case for the recovery of cost incurred by Govt. on Mr. Menon. The file may be circulated to H.Pr. through H.M.(Edn.) for orders.

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H.M.(Edn.)

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I hope this goes into the Confidential record also.

What is the control we have over him if he decides permanently stay away so it is better we will have to collect our amount from him or refuse to permit him to join the U.N.O services

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Subd

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
13 JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

While the question is examined further, please send a letter at once to the S.G.P. asking him not to proceed with arrangements for sending Mr. Menon abroad until he hears further from us.

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Subd that the appointment offered to Sri K.P.R. Menon is for two years and this Govt. have agreed to spare his services

applies

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for extension of his period of stay in America or if the United Nations Sectt. addresses this Govt. for extension of his period, this Govt. may then refuse. During this period of two years ~~abroad~~ on duty abroad, the officer has a lien on his post under this Govt. and this Govt. have control over him. In the circumstances it is for consideration whether the question of recovery of the amount spent on Mr. Menon during his deputation to the U.K. and America should be proceeded with or whether Mr. Menon may not be allowed to take up his appointment abroad. In the later case, this Govt. may be going against their agreement ~~ago~~ already given to the Govt. to spare the services of this officer for two years in connection with this appt. vide this Govt.'s letter at p.15 c.f.

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with reference to Secy's

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orders in the margin onp 12 ante, a draft D.O. to the S.G.P. is put up for appl. After issue the file may be circulated for orders to Hon(Edn), Hon(Fin) and HCy regarding 'A' onp 13 ante

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(Issued as D.O. dated 13-7-1948) p 33 c.f.

I invite attention to the letter of the High Commissioner at pages 1-3 c.f. where the advantage to us of having super Initiative persons sent for appointment under the United Nations Establishment has been indicated.

Attention is invited also to the letter of the S.G.P. at page 13 c.f. where, in para 2, it has been indicated that it will be to the advantage of the Government ultimately to have this officer working in the United Nations Organisation for some time. The normal expectation, that the officer

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would not forfeit his past service here and his rights of pension by resigning his employment here, and accepting permanent appointment elsewhere; and the normal expectation, on the other hand, is that after the period for which we have lent him to the United Nations Organisation is over, he would come back here and we will have the benefit not ~~normally~~ only of the deputation on which he was previously sent to America, but of the proposed deputation to work under the United Nations Organisation also. In the circumstances, I submit, that it would not be graceful on our part to withdraw the arrangement embodied ~~at~~ in the letter at page 15 c.f. where we had agreed to lend the services of this officer for appointment in the United Nations Secretariat; and I submit also that this arrangement, to which we have agreed, would not justify us in demanding recovery of the money spent on the deputation on which we had sent him, and which he has successfully completed, and the benefit of which we may expect in the normal course of things to reap in due course.

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H.(Sec)
H.(Fin)
H.Pr.

A The officer ought to be warned that the Govt. view his action with grave displeasure.

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SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
17 JUL 19
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Let this file wait for the return of the H.Pr from Delhi on the 19th

for H.Pr.
16/7

A letter since received from the S.G.P. has been added to the file – pp 35-37 CF. The whole position re

Mr. K. P. R. Menon is set out in detail in the letter. For orders as to circulation.

BRM
21/7/48 S

The main points in this have already been set out in my note at pp. 14-15 ante, & Hon. (Edn) & (Fin.) have agreed that only the warning need be administered, & we need not ask Mr. Menon to refund the cost of deputation or in the alternative refuse to send him to the W.H.O.

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H.M. may see

TSA
21-7-48

Hon. (Edn)
Hon. (Fin.)
H.M.

It is wrong agreeing in the first instance. In future this kind of things we shouldn't allow if they are not taking the permission before hand

G.P.R
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
23 JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

A draft D.O. to S.G.P. is subd. After issue formal orders will be put up.

BRM
23/7/48 S.

A draft order is subd. below for approval. It may issue after acceptance by Finance.

(The previous draft re: warning to be administered to the S.G.P. and Sri Menon has been slightly amended with refce to the minute of H.M. (Edn.) at 'A' overleaf. It may issue at once)

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26/7/48 S

26/7/48 Fin. (a.i.y draft-I)

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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(Previous Finance note on pp. 7-8 above)

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May be circulated to HM (Edn) for perusal of the minute of HM at p. 16 ante

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BRM
30/7/48 S

HM (Edn)

I suppose he has been sufficiently warned.

TSA
1-8-48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
9 AUG 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subd yes- vide G.O. 1850 Edn dated 26.7.48 at pp 49-50 cf

The file may now be closed

28.8.48

BRM
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