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Secretary

Government of the Union of Burma
Ministry of the Shan State

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Dear Mr. Steinberg,

Thank you for your letter of the 1st November. I will certainly pass on to the Minister of the Shan State and the members of the Shan State Government your expression of gratitude and appreciation. We are still waiting for the full report of the robbery and I assure you that the Shan State Government will spare no effort to bring to book the criminals responsible for this tragic event. I enclose herewith copies of the telegrams I received from Shan State Government which shows that this was an isolated case of robbery and nothing more.

As you are aware I have taken steps with Mr. Lazaro of the Nation to rectify the error in today's issue. Mr. Lazaro has kindly promised to give the correction the same prominence in tomorrow's issue of the Nation. We have also written asking the Director of Information to place the full facts of the case before other Burmese newspapers in order not to create a false impression and that this was a case of robbery by common or garden decoits and not by insurgents.

We would like to assure you that you can rely on our assistance at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: (K. F. Ho)

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