December 10, 1946

Dear Dr. Zuleta Angel:

I have followed with deepest interest the efforts of the United Nations to find a permanent home in the United States.

New York is a center where people from all lands have always been welcomed and where they have shared common aspirations and achievements. It is my belief that this City affords an environment uniquely fitted to the task of the United Nations and that the people of New York would like to have the United Nations here permanently.

For these reasons I have ventured to obtain a firm offer covering property located on the East River in the midtown area, which, should it serve your purpose, I would be glad to give to the United Nations. If this property can be useful to you in meeting the great responsibilities entrusted to you by the people of the world, it will be a source of infinite satisfaction to me and my family.

I am enclosing a memorandum setting forth the terms and conditions of my offer.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

H.E. Dr. Eduardo Zuleta Angel
Chairman of Permanent Headquarters Committee
United Nations, Lake Success
New York.
MEMORANDUM

December 10, 1946

E. E. Dr. Eduardo Zuleta Angel
Chairman of Permanent Headquarters Committee
United Nations, Lake Success
New York

This memorandum sets forth the terms and conditions of the offer made by me in my letter to you dated December 10, 1946.

I have acquired a firm offer from Webb and Knapp, Inc. to sell to the United Nations within thirty days from December 10, 1946 at $8,500,000. The following property between first Avenue and Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive:

1. The Western portion of the block between 42nd and 43rd Streets.

2. All of the four blocks between 43rd and 47th Streets.

3. Two small parcels in the block between 47th and 48th Streets.

In addition representatives of the City of New York have assured me of the desire and willingness of the City to acquire and give to the United Nations the balance of the block between 47th and 48th Streets.

To make possible the acquisition of this property by the United Nations, should they decide to accept said offer and to make it the site of their permanent headquarters, I hereby offer to give to the United Nations the sum of $8,500,000, on the following terms and conditions:

(a) That the gift shall be made at the time of the closing of the purchase of said property.

(b) That the City of New York shall agree to give to the United Nations 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th and 47th Streets between First Avenue and Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive upon terms which shall permit the United Nations to close any or all thereof to passage and otherwise to use them for its own purposes without restriction or limitation.

(c) That the
(c) That the City of New York shall agree to acquire and give absolutely to the United Nations all the balance of that city block bounded by First Avenue, 47th, 48th Streets and Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive not covered by the firm offer of Webb and Knapp, Inc.

(d) That the City of New York shall agree to give to the United Nations all rights to bulkheads and piers along the river frontage of the East River between 42nd and 48th Streets.

(e) That each of the said agreements of the City of New York shall have been concluded in form satisfactory to the parties in interest at or prior to the time of the making of my said gift.

(f) That prior to the making of my said gift assurances satisfactory to my attorneys shall have been given to me that the said gift from me will be free and clear of all taxes of the United States, the State of New York or any other taxing authority having jurisdiction with respect thereto.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.