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Abraham Feller's death is a terrible shock and an irreparable loss to the United Nations and to me personally. He was a great and loyal international civil servant and a great and loyal American. As Principal Director of the Department of Legal Affairs and General Counsel of the United Nations, he has been at my side for the past seven years as one of my closest and most trusted advisers. He has made many important contributions to the cause of peace and to the development of the United Nations as the defender of peace that will live in the history of our times.

Because of his responsibilities as General Counsel of the United Nations he has had to assume heavy additional burdens in recent weeks as my representative in matters connected with the investigations of the Grand Jury and the Senate Internal Security US Sub-Committee into charges of subversive affiliations directed against American members of the Secretariat. He has worked tirelessly day and night under my direction to uphold due process of law and justice in the investigations against indiscriminate smears and exaggerated charges. This placed him under a prolonged and serious strain. The terrible tragedy of his death today is the result.

I extend to his wife, daughter and other members of his family the profound sympathy of the whole Secretariat and the abiding assurance of the deep admiration and affection in which he was universally held.

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