

**June 21, 1954**

**The Second Secretary at London (Zimmerman) to  
the Department of State, 'Availability of Reports on  
Tibet from the Indian Consul General at Lhasa'**

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**Summary:**

Robert Zimmerman explains why UK authorities have stopped receiving copies of the reports from the Indian Mission in Lhasa from the Government of India.

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SUBJECT: Availability of Reports on Tibet from the Indian Consul General at Lhasa

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The despatch under reference reported the efforts being made by the Foreign Office and the Commonwealth Relations Office to restore access to reports on Tibet from the Indian Consul General at Lhasa. The despatch also reported that these efforts had been unavailing but that the matter would be pursued by the United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Delhi.

An Embassy officer has now been shown a letter from the Commonwealth Relations Office to the Foreign Office dated June 10, 1954, which states that the High Commissioner in New Delhi has been informed that the Indian authorities have decided that instead of passing on the original reports, as previously, the Government of India will give to the British periodic summaries which they themselves will compile from material they receive from Lhasa. The High Commissioner hopes to receive the first of these summaries soon.

By way of comment, the letter states that the decision was taken at a "fairly high level" and that the High Commissioner does not think anything would be gained by contesting it. The reasons behind this decision are not known, but the nature of the new summary may give a clue.

An Embassy officer will be permitted to see the summaries as they arrive in London, as was the case with the original reports when they were available, with the continuing proviso that the information be treated as U.S. Officials - Eyes Only. The contents of the summary will then, of course, be forwarded to the Department and interested posts.

For the Ambassador:

Robert W. Zimmermann  
Second Secretary of Embassy

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By [Signature] Date 8/12/08  
Approved: [Signature]  
Evan M. Wilson  
First Secretary of Embassy  
cc: New Delhi; Calcutta

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