

Letter from Johan Willem Beyen to Harold Macmillan (July 1955)

Caption: In July 1955, Johan Willem Beyen, Netherlands Foreign Minister, sends to his British counterpart, Harold Macmillan, a letter in which he invites the British Government to attend the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee established by the Messina Conference, due to be held on 9 July 1955 in Brussels.

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Referring to the letter of June 7th which Mr. Bech sent you on behalf of the ministers of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, France, the German Federal Republic, Italy, Luxemburg and the Netherlands with regard to paragraph 6, chapter rom.2, of the resolution adopted by the conference of Messina on June 2nd, and also to the conversations I had with members of the British government on June 20th and 21st on the same subject, I have the honour to invite the government of the United Kingdom, in the name of the governments of the six above mentioned countries, to participate in the studies to be undertaken by the committee of government representatives mentioned in paragraph 2, chapter rom.2 of the same resolution.

The aforementioned committee will be presided over by his Excellency Mr. Paul-Henri Spaak.

Its first session is planned to take place at Brussels, July 9th.

Please accept, Sir, the expression for my highest consideration.

J.W.BEYEN