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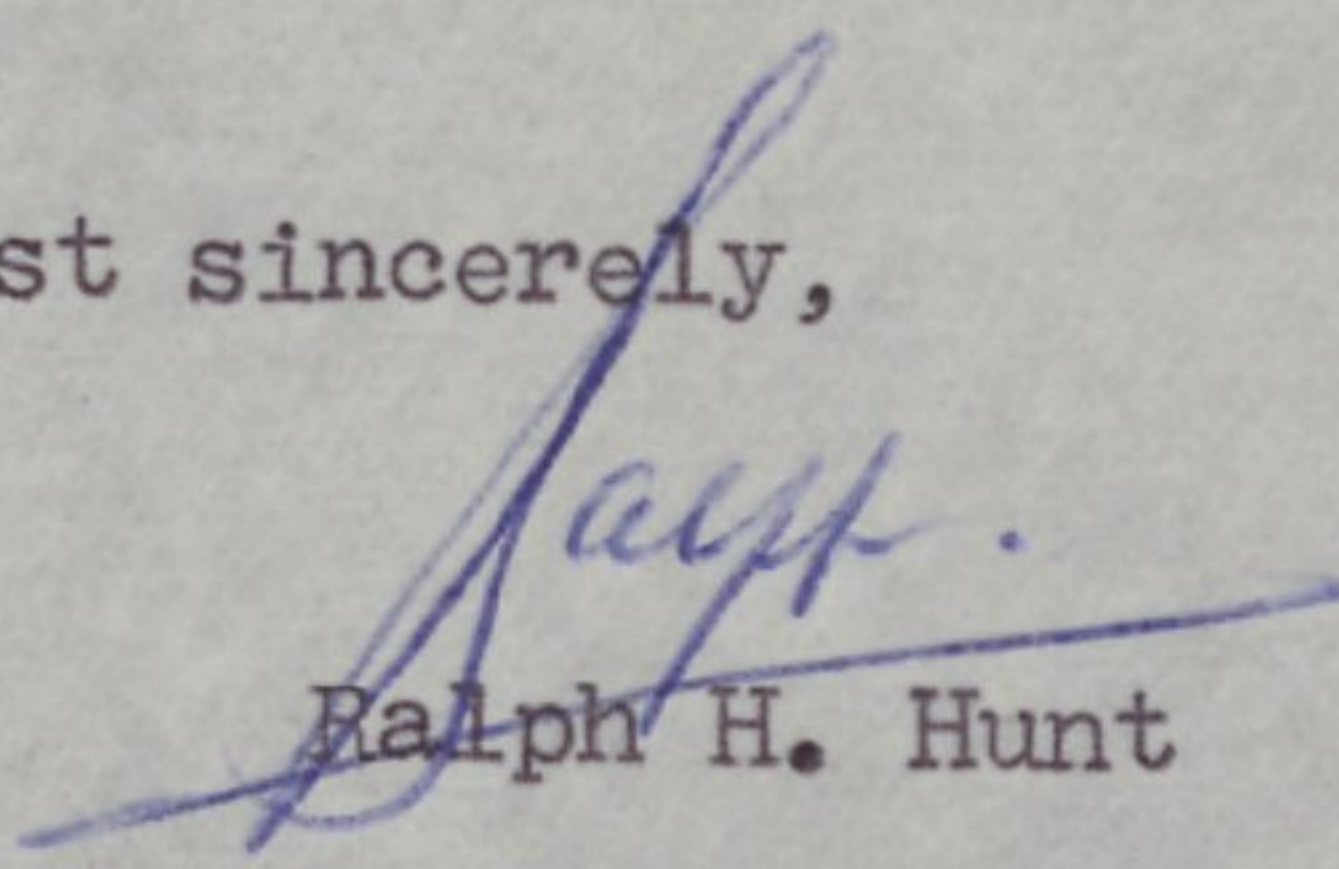
Dear Charlie,

First, I must sincerely apologize for being so long in replying to your letter of February 28, 1961. I have been away and it has slipped between two stools. It was grand to hear from you again after all those years and brought quickly to mind many of the extremely pleasant associations we had as we worked together in those somewhat difficult days in Hong Kong. However, enjoyable as it was to hear from you it was tragic to learn that you are to leave the service in June, under this new-fangled retirement arrangement. I know how you must feel over that, having given such excellent service. It goes without saying that you have permission to use my name as a reference and I shall be only too happy if approached by your prospective future contacts to tell them of your hard work and application during my association with you in Hong Kong.

I spent two days in Bermuda on the way home from Nigeria in 1958. I was there when the Bermudiana Hotel burnt down and was somewhat pleased of course that earlier arrangements to billet me there had been changed. Life in Stockholm is very different to what we knew in Hong Kong and what I later experienced in Nigeria. Perhaps, like you, I am not designed for long-term tours in a cold climate and I yearn to get back to perpetual warmth where I have always felt physically well. Scandinavia is, however, full of fascinating and challenging situations and life, in consequence, has not been dull. I expect to leave in December next when I will have completed a three-year tour. I expect to have only one more tour before retiring myself and am especially anxious that it be an agreeable one and a post in which I can take charge.

Do write me if there is something special that you think I can do to assist. I always appreciated the splendid assistance and cooperation you gave me in some of our troublesome cases.

Most sincerely,


Ralph H. Hunt