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Letter from the Chairman of the Council Deputies  
inviting Lord Ismay to accept the post of  
Vice-Chairman of the North Atlantic Council and  
Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

12th March, 1952.

Dear Lord Ismay,

As a result of the unanimous decision of the fourteen Governments who are parties to the North Atlantic Treaty, the Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, has requested me to invite you to accept the post of Vice-Chairman of the North Atlantic Council and Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

On his behalf and on behalf of the Member Governments, I have the honour to extend to you this invitation and to express the hope that, if you are willing to serve, Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom will feel able to release you from your present important office to undertake this vital task.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) CHARLES M. SPOFFORD