Letter from Foreign Secretary, E. Bevin, to Deputy-Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, F. Roberts, 27 February 1951

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Brand Hotel, Eastbourne, Sussex.

Dear Frank,

I made it quite clear to both of them in England that my fear was that India and Pakistan would get into a vice if they continued quarrelling and that the strategy of Russia and China would be to come around and crush them from the east while almost forcing a neutralising position in Europe; and therefore it was no good their looking upon themselves purely as Easterners. The whole thing must be looked upon in a global way in order that they can escape from any pressure that we know is part of the Russian plan; and at the same time put themselves in such a situation at any conferences that may be held. Anyway, I am very glad that India and ourselves have come closer together. Nye[[1]](#footnote-1) and you have contributed so much towards this.

Mrs. Bevin and I send to you and Cella our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature] (Ernest Bevin)

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1. Nickname for Aneurin Bevan. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)