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DAG HAMMARSKJOELD SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW-YORK THE ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
HUNGARIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC ON BEHALF OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERN-
MENT EXPRESSES HIS THANKS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UN FOR
HIS NOTE OF NOVEMBER 18 1956 IN WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY REQUESTS
DATA ON THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S NEEDS IN MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOOD-
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ESTIMATES THE FOLLOWING ARE NEEDED MOST URGENTLY: FOODSTUFFS
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GASOLINE GASOIL, COAL, GLASS, WOOD, TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES AND
TIRES. MEDICAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS INSULIN, GAMMA-GLOBULIN,
ANTIBIOTICS, ANALGETICS, EXPECIALLY MORPHINE, DOLANTINE,
KOMDETINE, LARGAETHYL PHENERGAM, NOVOCAINE TABLETS, AETHER
ADNARCOSIM. VITAMINS EXPECIALLY B/12, D AND K , BABY FOODS,
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ESPECIALLY ARTERY FORCEPS, STRAUMATIC NEEDLES. INSTRUMENTS,
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Budapest, 13 November 1956

THE ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC ON BEHALF OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES HIS THANKS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR HIS NOTE OF 10 NOVEMBER 1956 IN WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY REQUESTS DATA ON THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S NEEDS IN MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOODSTUFFS AND CLOTHES FROM ABROAD.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM HIS EXCELLENCY THAT ON THE BASIS OF PRESENT ESTIMATES THE FOLLOWING ARE NEEDED MOST URGENTLY:

FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL GOODS SUCH AS FATS CEREALS AND FLOUR:
GASOLINE, GASOIL, COAL, GLASS, WOOD, TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES AND TIRES. MEDICAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS INSULIN, GAMMA-GLOBULIN, ANTIBIOTICS, ANALGETICS, ESPECIALLY MORPHINE, DOLANTINE, KOMBETINE, LARGAETHYL PHENERGAM, NOVOCAINE TABLETS, AETHER ADNARCOSIM. VITAMINS ESPECIALLY B/12, D AND K, BABY FOODS, DDT POWDER.
SURGICAL STITCHING MATERIALS: CATGUT, NYLON, SILK. BANDAGES: MULL GAUZE AND VARIOUS DIMENSIONS OF STRAPPING. X-RAY FILMS. INSTRUMENTS: TRAUMATOLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS ESPECIALLY KIRSCHNER DRILLS AND STIRRUPS, KUENTSCHER NAILS, SMITH PETERSEN NAILS, WIRE STITCHING MATERIALS. THORACOTOMIC INSTRUMENTS, ESPECIALLY ARTERY FORCEPS, STRAUMATIC NEEDLES. INSTRUMENTS, KOCHERS, SCISSORS AND SCAPELS FOR ABDOMINAL SURGERY, ESPECIALLY BENT AND STRAIGHT PEANS OF VARIOUS SIZES.

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT: PORTABLE X-RAY MACHINES, X-RAY FILM CASES, ANESTHETIC APPARATUS WITH ACCESSORIES FOR INTRATRACHEAL ANESTHESIA, PORTABLE ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC MACHINES, PHOTOMETERS, STUFO, SURGERY LAMPS, IRON LUNGS, LARGE AUTOCLAVES FOR STERILIZING SURGICAL GARMENTS, MICROTOMES. TEXTILE GOODS, SUCH AS SHEETS, WOOLLEN BLANKETS, HOSPITAL PYJAMAS, SURGEONS WHITE COATS, SURGERY GARMENTS, BLANKET CASES, TOWELS. SOAP, SOAP POWDERS, POWDERED MILK, CONDENSED MILK.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT STATES AGAIN THAT IT VALUES VERY HIGHLY THE OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND IS PREPARED, IN REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, TO CONDUCT TALKS ON THE BEST MEANS OF PROVIDING THE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AS WELL AS HOW THE REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MAY PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZING THE ASSISTANCE ON THE SPOT. ISTVAN SEBES, ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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QUESTION CONSIDERED BY THE SECOND EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 4 TO 10 NOVEMBER 1956

Cablegram dated 13 November 1956 from the Secretary-General, addressed
to the Acting Minister, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary

New York, 13 November 1956

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CABLEGRAM DATED 12 NOVEMBER 1956.^{1/} I NOTE WITH SATISFACTION YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING RELIEF TO HUNGARY AND THE WILLINGNESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO CO-OPERATE MOST FULLY WITH THE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE HUMANITARIAN ENDS TO WHICH THESE RESOLUTIONS ARE DIRECTED. I NOTE THAT YOU WILL INFORM ME OF THE NEEDS AS SOON AS FINAL ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN MADE. IN YOUR CABLEGRAM YOU DISCUSS ALSO THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 4 NOVEMBER 1956 AND THE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR OBSERVERS, DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, TO ENTER THE TERRITORY OF HUNGARY AND TO REPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE VIEWS NOW EXPRESSED BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT ARE NOTED. IN MY EXECUTION OF THE DECISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT WOULD NOT BE TO THE PURPOSE FOR ME TO ENTER UPON A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THAT DECISION. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT CONCLUDES THAT IT "IS DECIDEDLY OF THE OPINION THAT THE SENDING OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT WARRANTED". I WOULD INVITE THE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY TO RECONSIDER THIS JUDGEMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE OPPOSITE VIEW, SO WIDELY EXPRESSED BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND REFLECTED IN THE VOTE AND, AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE GREAT MAJORITY IN THE CLARIFICATION OF A SITUATION WHICH HAS GIVEN RISE TO SUCH CONCERN IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, SECRETARY-GENERAL UNITED NATIONS.

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ACTING MINISTER
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CABLEGRAM, DATED 12 NOVEMBER 1956. I NOTE WITH SATISFACTION YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING RELIEF TO HUNGARY AND THE WILLINGNESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE MOST FULLY WITH THE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE HUMANITARIAN ENDS TO WHICH THESE RESOLUTIONS ARE DIRECTED. I NOTE THAT YOU WILL INFORM ME OF THE NEEDS AS SOON AS FINAL ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN MADE.

IN YOUR CABLEGRAM YOU DISCUSS ALSO THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 4 NOVEMBER 1956 AND THE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR OBSERVERS, DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, TO ENTER THE TERRITORY OF HUNGARY AND TO REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THE VIEWS NOW EXPRESSED BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, ARE NOTED. IN MY EXECUTION OF THE DECISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT WOULD NOT BE TO THE PURPOSE FOR ME TO ENTER UPON A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THAT DECISION.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT CONCLUDES THAT IT "IS DECIDEDLY OF THE OPINION THAT THE SENDING OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT WARRANTED". I WOULD INVITE THE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY TO RECONSIDER THIS JUDGMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE OPPOSITE VIEW, SO WIDELY EXPRESSED BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND REFLECTED IN THE VOTE AND, AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO COOPERATE WITH THE GREAT MAJORITY IN THE CLARIFICATION OF A SITUATION WHICH HAS GIVEN RISE TO SUCH

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Budapest, 12 November 1956

IN CONNEXION WITH THE NOTIFICATIONS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACCEPTED ON 4 AND 10 NOVEMBER 1956, THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

IN THE PAST WEEKS MASS DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN HUNGARY THE DEMOCRATIC AND PATRIOTIC DEMANDS OF WHICH THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED AS ITS OWN. FROM THE BEGINNING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDED ORGANIZED FASCIST ELEMENTS, AND LATER ORDINARY CRIMINALS ALSO WHO ESCAPED FROM PRISON. THESE PERSONS MEANWHILE GRADUALLY TOOK THE LEAD AND CARRIED OFF AND MURDERED HUNDREDS OF PROGRESSIVE-MINDED PEOPLE AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES.

IN THIS SITUATION THE FIRST TASK WAS THE RESTORATION OF LAW AND ORDER, THE PREVENTION OF THE DANGER OF FASCISM, WHICH TASK HUNGARY HAS, IN ARTICLE 4 OF THE TREATY OF PEACE, ALSO UNDERTAKEN TO CARRY OUT.

IN THE SERIOUS SITUATION WHICH AROSE, THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT COULD RESTORE LAW AND ORDER ONLY BY REQUESTING THE AID OF SOVIET TROOPS. AFTER THE COMPLETE RESTORATION OF ORDER THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THESE TROOPS FROM HUNGARY.

ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT MOST EMPHATICALLY STATES THE SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN HUNGARY LIES EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE INTERNAL LEGAL COMPETENCE OF THE HUNGARIAN STATE. THEREFORE, ANY RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, RELATING TO THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION OF HUNGARY, CONSTITUTES AN INTERFERENCE INTO HUNGARIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND IS IN CONTRADICTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 7, OF THE CHARTER. ACCORDINGLY,

1. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ARE EXCLUSIVELY COMPETENT TO CARRY ON NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIET TROOPS FROM HUNGARY, WHICH TROOPS ARE HERE ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTORING LAW AND ORDER AND DO NOT TAKE ANY MEASURES AGAINST THE POPULATION WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMANITY.

2. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SOVIET TROOPS ARE IN HUNGARY AT THE REQUEST OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS DECIDEDLY OF THE OPINION THAT THE SENDING OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT WARRANTED.

3. THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS IN HUNGARY IS ENTIRELY WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES.

IN CONNEXION WITH THE RESOLUTION ON HUNGARIAN REFUGEES, THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT STATES THAT IT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE FOR HUNGARIAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE FLED ABROAD AS A RESULT OF THE BATTLES TO RETURN FREELY AND WITHOUT HARM.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS WITH SINCERE THANKS THE HUMANE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 3, OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND AIM TO ASSIST THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE; AND COMMUNICATES THAT IT WILL FACILITATE WITH EVERY MEANS THE RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND MEDICINE SENT FOR THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE, AND IS AT PRESENT ALSO CO-OPERATING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE. THE SOVIET TROOPS IN HUNGARY DO NOT HINDER THIS RELIEF WORK IN ANY WAY. IN CARRYING OUT THIS TASK THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CO-OPERATE MOST FULLY WITH THE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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THE ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES IS NOW PROCEEDING. AFTER FINAL ESTIMATES OF ITS NEEDS THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. MEANWHILE, THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS ALL FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICINE FOR HUNGARIAN FAMILIES WHO FACE A DIFFICULT WINTER. ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. ISTVAN SEBES, ACTING MINISTER. DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.
