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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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13 November 1956

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Referring to my Aide Mémoire, 10 November 1956, concerning implementation of the General Assembly resolution, 4 November, on the item "The Situation in Hungary", I have the honour to transmit copy of a cablegram which I have today addressed to the Government of Hungary. I hope that the Government of the U.S.S.R. will give its attention to this reply to the cablegram, received 12 November, from the Government of Hungary.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
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