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Sir,

By your letter of 28 December 1956, you were good enough to forward to me the proposals of the International Committee of the Red Cross concerning relief action for Hungary - proposals referring both to a continuation of the traditional emergency relief programme for the period from 1 May through 15 July 1957 and to the possible establishment of a programme of general emergency relief. Before proceeding to Budapest with his colleagues early in January, Mr. Philippe de Seynes, Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs, had the opportunity of discussing these proposals with you in Geneva.

You will have noted that in the report which resulted from that Mission and which I transmitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 January 1957 (document A/3503), the specified requirements for relief include the items proposed by the International Committee of the Red Cross as well as a description of the system of distribution set out in your letter of 28 December 1956.

Although no direct recommendation has been made to the Assembly as to a relief programme for the Hungarian people, I believe it is quite clear from Mr. de Seynes' Report that we endorse the views of the International Committee of the Red Cross as to the relief requirements of the Hungarian people, as stated in your above mentioned letter.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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