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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BOARD BUREAU DE L'ASSISTANCE TECHNIQUE

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TELEPHONE : 33 10 00 33 20 00 33 40 00

CABLE ADDRESS : TECABOARD GENEVA

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Mr Taylor

3 December 1956

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acknowledged 10 December K.W.S.

Dear Myer,

From our cable of to-day you will have seen that Mr. Boissier has finally decided to quote in his reply to the Secretary-General the text of the agreement in English, and not in French. However, they will use, for publicity purposes, if necessary, the French translation which we have provided to them, and I thought that you may want to have a copy of that text, which is enclosed.

Yours ever,

Pierre Obez

Mr. Myer Cohen,
Executive Director,
Office of the Under-Secretary for
Relief to the Hungarian People,
United Nations,
New York.

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1. Le Comité International de la Croix-Rouge, à la demande du Secrétaire général accepte d'utiliser toutes ressources qui pourraient être mises à sa disposition par les Nations Unies dans le but exclusif d'apporter une assistance immédiate aux populations de Hongrie, en particulier pour la fourniture de produits médicaux, de denrées alimentaires et de vêtements. La responsabilité du Comité dans ce domaine commence à dater de la réception de ces ressources et prend fin après la distribution des secours à la population hongroise ou, si le programme de secours était interrompu, à dater du moment où la partie non-utilisée de ces fonds ou des fournitures qui auraient pu être acquises avec ces fonds, aura été remise aux Nations Unies.

2. Le Comité assume la responsabilité de la distribution de toutes fournitures qui seront mises à sa disposition par les Nations Unies. Le Comité peut indiquer aux Nations Unies la nature des secours qui seraient les plus appropriés pour l'éxécution du programme.

3. Le Comité procède à la distribution des secours selon les principes de la Croix-Rouge et dans l'esprit des Conventions de Genève, sans discrimination et en tenant compte uniquement des besoins.

4. Tout en s'efforçant d'agir aussi rapidement que possible, le Comité reste seul juge de la cadence de distribution des secours. En cas de difficultés ou d'obstacles dans l'éxécution du programme le Comité se reserve, le cas échéant, d'en référer aux Nations Unies mais il est seul responsable des mesures à prendre.

5. Le Comité fournit tout le personnel technique et administratif, les cadres nécessaires à l'éxécution du programme de secours ainsi que les services et le matériel indispensables.

6. Les Nations Unies remboursent au Comité les frais administratifs et d'exécution qui peuvent être imputés à la mise en oeuvre du programme de secours des Nations Unies, dans des conditions fixées d'un commun accord entre les Nations Unies et le Comité.

7. Le Comité est seul exécutant, du programme de secours entrepris, au nom des Nations Unies, à l'aide des contributions mises à la disposition de cette Organisation en exécution de la résolution 399 adoptée par l'Assemblée générale à sa seconde session extraordinaire d'urgence le 9 novembre 1956. Cette disposition ne limite en rien le droit de toute autre institution des Nations Unies d'exécuter des programmes d'assistance à la Hongrie, dans le cadre de sa mission et en accord avec les autorités hongroises.

8. Les Nations Unies reconnaissent que le Comité est une organisation indépendante et autonome chargée d'exécuter les services prévus par le présent accord. L'exécution de ces services ne saurait en aucune manière placer le Comité dans une position de subordination vis-à-vis des Nations Unies et le Comité n'est en aucun cas tenu d'entreprendre d'autres tâches que celles définies dans le present accord.

9. Le Comité fournit chaque mois au Secrétaire général des rapports sur l'exécution du programme et des rapports comptables sur les frais encourus au titre des tâches qui lui sont confiées aux termes du présent accord.

10. Les Nations Unies et le Comité collaborent étroitement en vue de l'élaboration et de l'exécution du programme. En particulier, le Comité apportera l'aide nécessaire à tout délégué du Secrétaire général des Nations Unies qui pourrait être envoyé en Hongrie au titre du programme de secours.

11. Aucune disposition contenue dans le présent accord ne saurait entraver les autres activités que le Comité entreprend ou pourra entreprendre en Hongrie dans le cadre de sa mission traditionnelle.

12. Le présent accord peut être dénoncé par l'une ou l'autre partie avec un préavis d'une semaine et si possible après consultation préalable. La dénonciation du présent accord ne modifie pas les responsabilités de l'une et l'autre partie en ce qui concerne l'achèvement des opérations de distribution qui seraient en cours à la date de la dénonciation.

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GENEVA ;

1924 PALTHEY CONFIDENTIAL THIS CABLEGRAM CONSTITUTES YOUR AUTHORITY TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER FOURTH 1956 RELATING TO HUNGARIAN RELIEF WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARYGENERAL

PHILIPPE DE SEYNES

UNDER SECRETARY FOR RELIEF TO THE

HUNGARIAN PEOPLE

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GENEVA ;

1920 CONFIDENTIAL OBEZ TEXTS YOUR 1892 COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY STOP PROPOSE SIGNATURE GENEVA TIME TUESDAY MORNING DECEMBER FOUR FOLLOWED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE FROM YOU CONFIRMING SIGNATURE STOP CICR TO NOTIFY HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT AT EIGHTEENHUNDRED HOURS GENEVA TIME WEDNESDAY DECEMBER FIFTH AND SECGEN TO NOTIFY HUNGARIAN DELEGATION NEWYORK TWELVEHUNDRED ;

P2/50 ;

HOURS DECEMBER FIFTH STOP PUBLICITY TO BE RELEASED TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED HOURS GENEVA TIME AND SEVENTEENHUNDRED HOURS NEWYORK TIME DECEMBER FIFTH BUT AS INDICATED EARLIER WE DONOT PROPOSE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY DUE TO OUR PRESENT LACK OF RESOURCES STOP WILL PROBABLY ONLY ISSUE TEXT WITH MINIMUM COMMENT STOP CABLING PALTHEY AUTHORIZATION SEPARATELY ;

P3/18 ;

STOP MEANWHILE TELETYPE COMPLETE FINAL TEXTS FOR USE HERE IN SECGEN LETTER NOTIFYING HUNGARIAN DELEGATION OF AGREEMENT ;

COHEN "

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AND 1914 STOP WILL TELETYPE COMPLETE TEXTS MONDAY

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UNGVA 1892 COHEN FROM OBEZ COPY TO PELT YOUR 1965 FOLLOWING IS TEXT

BOISSIER REPLY QUOTE LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL A RECU VOTRE LETTRE DU

NOVEMBRE RELATIVE A LACTION DE SECOURS DES NATIONS UNIES EN FAVEUR DE

LA POPULATION DE HONGRIE ET DU CONCOURS QUE NOTRE INSTITUTITN POURRAIT

FRETER

P2

EN LOCCURRENCE PARAGRAPH JAI LA PLAISIR DE VOUS FAIRE SAVOIR QUE

LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL CMA QUE SOCCUPE DEJA DE CONVOYER EN HONGRIE

ET DE DISTRIBUER DANS CE PAYS LES SECOURS DE CROIX-ROUGE CMA

ACCEPTE DE SE CHARGER EGALEMENT DES SECOURS FOURNIS PAR LES NATIONS

UNIES ET CE DANS LES CONDITIONS

P3

PREVUES PAR VOTRE LETTRE CMA CEST A DIRE UNQUOTE STOP ABOVE TEXT

WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY QUOTATION PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH TWELVE OUR

LETTER AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED STOP A RSW 6,,

THEN BE SENT TO US BY BOISSIER WITH FOLLOWING TEXT QSOTE EN VOUS

CONFIRMANT CET ACCORD JE CROIS

P4

UTILE DE PRECISER QUE CMA DANS NOTRE PENSEE CMA COMME CERTAINEMENT

DANS LA VOTRE CMA IL FAUT ENTENDRE PAR LES

P3

PREVUES PAR VOTRE LETTRE CMA CEST A DIRE UNQUOTE STOP ABOVE TEXT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY QUOTATION PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH TWELVE OUR LETTER AND FORMAL ENDING STOP A SEPARATE INTERPRETATIVE LETTER WOULD THEN BE SENT TO US BY BOISSIER WITH FOLLOWING TEXT QUOTE EN VOUS CONFIRMANT CET ACCORD JE CROIS

P4

UTILE DE PRECISER QUE CMA DANS NOTRE PENSEE CMA COMME CERTAINEMENT DANS LA VOTRE CMA IL FAUT ENTENDRE PAR LES MOTS SUCH SUPPLIES AS MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS FIGURANT SOUS CHIFFRE 2 CMA NON PAS NIMPORTE QUELLES MARCHANDISES CMA MAIS CELLES QUI CORRESPONDENT AUX BESOINS URGENTS DE

P5

LA POPULATION A SECOURIR PARAGRAPH AU CAS OU CMA COMME CELA EST RESERVE SOUS CHIFFRE 7 CMA LUNE OU LAUTRE DES AGENCES SPECIALISEES DES NATIONS UNIES ENTREPRENDRAIENT UNE ACTION DASSISTANCE RENTRANT DANS SES ATTRIBUTIONS NORMALES CMA IL Y AUTAIT LIEU CMA A NOTRE AVIS CMA DETABLIR UNE LIAISON ENTRE CES

P6

AGENCES ET NOTRE INSTITUTION CMA DE FACON A COORDONNER NOS ACTIVITES RESPECTIVES ET DEVITER DES DOUBLES EMPLOIS PARAGRAPH LES MODALITES DE COUVERTURES DES FRAIS ADMINISTRATIFS ET DEXECUTION DE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE FAISANT LOBJET DES CHIFFRES 6 ET 9 SERONT ETABLIES DUN COMMUN ACCORD ENTRE LES NATIONS UNIES ET

P7

LE CICR PARAGRAPH NOUS AVONS NOTE QUE VOUS AVEZ LINTENTION DINFORMER LE GOUVERNEMENT HONGROIS DE LARRANGEMENT INTERVENU ENTRE LES NATIONS UNIES ET LE CICR FULL STOP LE CICR DEVANT FAIRE DE MEME DE SON COTE CMA JE ME PERMETS DE VOUS SUGGERER QUE CES COMMUNICATIONS SOIENT SIMULTANEES UNQUOTE STOP WE

P8

WOULD REPLY AS FOLLOWS QUOTE COMME SUITE A VOTRE LETTRE DU TANT
JAI LHONNEUR DE VOUS CONFIRMER MON ACCORD SUR LINTERPRETATION QUE
VOUS DONNEZ AUX DISPOSITIONS CONTENUES DANS MA LETTRE DU TANT
RELATIVES AUX CONDITIONS DANS LESQUELLES LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE
LA CROIX ROUGE ACCEPTE DE SE CHARGER DES SECOURS FOURNIS

P9

PAR LES NATIONS UNIES EN FAVEUR DE LA POPULATION DE HONGRIE
PARAGRAPH PAR LES MOTS SUCH SUPPLIES AS MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE
UNITED NATIONS FIGURANT AU PARAGRAPHE 2 IL FAUT ENTENDRE
NON PAS NIMPORTE QUELLE MARCHANDISE MAIS CELLES QUI CORRESPONDENT
AUX BESOINS URGENTS DE LA POPULATION
A SECOURIR PARAGRAPHE

P10

JE RECOMMANDERAI AUX INSTITUTIONS SPECIALISEES DES NATIONS
UNIES INTERESSEES DE DONNER SUITE A VOTRE SUGGESTION CONCERNANT LA
LIAISON QUELLES DEVRAIETN ETABLIR AVEC VOTRE INSTITUTION AU CAS OU
ELLES ENTREPRENDRAIENT UNE ACTION DASSISTANCE RENTRANT DANS LEURS
ATTRIBUTIONS PROPRES DE FACON A COORDONNER LEURS ACTIVITES AVEC
CELLES DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA

P11

CROIXROUGE ET A EVITER DES DOUBLES EMPLOIS PARAGRAPH IL EST ENTENDU
QUE LES MODALITES DE COUVERTURE DES FRAIS ADMINISTRATIFS ET DEXECUTION
DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE MENTIONNES AU PARAGRAPHE
6 DE MA LETTRE DU TANT SERONT ETABLIES DUN COMMUN ACCORD ENTRE
LES NATIONS UNIES ET LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE

P12

LA CROIXROUGE PARAGRAPH JE VOUS CONFIRME EGALEMENT QUE LES COM-
MUNICATIONS AU GOUVERNEMENT HONGROIS DE LARRANGEMENT INTERVENU
ENTRE LE COMITE ET LES NATIONS UNIES SERONT EFFECTUEES SIMULTANEMENT
DANS LES CONDITIONS QUE NOUS AVONS ARRETEES ENSEMBLE UNQUOTE STOP
PLEASE CONFIRM AGREEMENT ON TEXTS ABOVE STOP HAVE NOTED YOUR
COMMENTS REGARDING TIMING SIGNATURE AND

P13

WE SHALL AWAIT YOUR DECISION STOP UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDER UNLIKELY
AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED BEFORE MONDAY

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GENEVA ;

1905 PALTHEY AND OBEZ CONFIDENTIAL YOUR 1881 CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESS YOUR NEGOTIATIONS STOP WISH RECEIVE TELETYPE BOISSIER REPLY BEFORE AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE STOP WILL THEN ARRANGE SECGEN OR DESEYNES AUTHORIZE PALTHEY SIGN STOP FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WE NOT EAGER RUSH SIGNATURE AT THE MOMENT THOUGH ONLY QUESTION IS ;

P2/29 ;

ONE OF TIMING STOP WHEN AGREEMENT SIGNED SECGEN WILL REQUIRE EIGHT DAYLIGHT HOURS NEWYORK TIME FOR NOTIFICATION HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH DELEGATION NEWYORK STOP AGREE YOUR SUGGESTION ON PUBLICITY ;

COHEN "

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UNATIONS NY

UNGVA 1881 FOR DESEYNES FROM PALTHEY AND OBEZ INTERNATIONAL REDCROSS COMMITTEE ACCEPTS TEXT DRAFT AGREEMENT AS PROPOSED BY YOU STOP PLEASE NOTE THAT IN FINAL TEXT SUBMITTED TO THEM PARAGRAPHS SEVEN CMA EIGHT AND TEN HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED ACCORDING TO OBEZ CABLE 1841 STOP BOISSIER HAS MADE FOLLOWING

P2

COMMENTS COLON ONE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXPRESSION QUOTE SUCH SUPPLIES AS MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE UNITEDNATIONS UNQUOTE IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF AGREEMENT REFERS TO SUPPLIES RELATED TO THE URGENT NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHICH RELIEF ACTION IS UNDERTAKEN AND NOT TO ANY SUPPLIES STOP TWO WHERE A

P3

UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY WOULD UNDERTAKE ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS AS PROVIDED IN PARA SEVEN IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH A LIAISON BETWEEN SUCH AGENCY AND CICR IN ORDER COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AND AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS STOP THREE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE COMMITTEE REFERRED TO IN

P4

PARAGRAPHS SIX AND NINE WOULD BE COVERED WOULD BE AGREED UPON BETWEEN UN AND COMMITTEE STOP HAVE INDICATED THAT ALL POINTS ACCEPTABLE TO US BUT WITH REGARD TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES HAVE TOLD BOISSIER THAT WE WOULD INFORM SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED OF HIS REMARK AND RECOMMEND THAT SUGGESTED LIAISON BE ESTABLISHED

P5

IF AND WHEN SUCH AGENCY DECIDES UNDERTAKE ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS IN HUNGARY STOP BOISSIER AGREED TO INCLUDE THESE POINTS IN SEPARATE LETTER TO WHCIH EYE WOULD REPLY GIVING AGREEMENT UN STOP AGREEMENT ITSELF WOULD CONSIST IN EXCHANGE YOUR LETTER AND BOISSIER REPLY INDICATING HIS AGREEMENT AND QUOTING PARA ONE TO TWELVE

P6

YOUR LETTER STOP TO SPEED UP SIGNATURE AGREEMENT SUGGEST THAT PALTHEY BE AUTHORIZED SIGN FORMAL LETTER ON BEHALF SECGEN STOP IF THIS AGREED EXCHANGE LETTER COULD TAKE PLACE THURSDAY MORNING STOP BOISSIER WOULD REPLY IN FRENCH AND FRENCH TEXT WILL BE PROVIDED BY US STOP REGARDING NOTIFICATION TO HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT

P7

BOISSIER SUGGESTS THAT SUCH COMMUNICATION BE SIMULTANEOUS FROM UN AND CICR STOP CICR HAS NOW DIRECT TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH BUDAPEST STOP WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INDICATING TO ME HOW MUCH TIME IT WOULD TAKE FOR UN TO MAKE SUCH COMMUNICATION TO GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO ENSURE SIMULTANEITY STOP REGARDING PUBLICITY TO

P8

BE GIVEN THIS AGREEMENT BOISSIER AGREEABLE WE SET TIME FOR SIMULTANEOUS ACTION STOP IN VIEW SIX HOURS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GENEVA AND NEWYORK TIME SUGGEST DATE AND TIME PUBLICITY BE FIXED AFTER EYE HAVE COMMUNICATED TO YOU THAT AGREEMENT IS

P9/16

SIGNED AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TIME OF NOTIFICATION TO HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT BOTH BY UN AND CICR.

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1604 OBET YOUR 1063 LAST SENTENCE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH SHOULD NOT BE IN PARENTHESIS REFERS TO METHOD BY WHICH HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF AGREEMENT AND IS INTENDED REPLACE NEED FOR SEPARATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND HUNGARIANS RELATIVE TO US DASH ICRC AGREEMENT STOP REFERENCE ICRC REPLY =

T2 =

TO US LETTER HOPEFUL PRESENT DRAFT ACCEPTABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE AND THAT REPLY WILL MERELY HAVE TO STATE CONTENTS AGREED STOP RE PUBLICITY SUGGEST WE RELEASE TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO PRESS IN NEWYORK THROUGH NORMAL DPI CHANNEL CMA LEAVING ICRC FREE TO ISSUE THEIR OWN STATEMENT IN GENEVA CMA SHOULD THEY =

T3 =

SO DESIRE STOP SUGGEST SUITABLE TIMING WOULD BE 1700 HOURS NEWYORK TIME ON DAY OF SIGNATURE CMA SO THAT ANY ICRC RELEASE SHOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC EARLIER STOP UNATIONS RADIO WILL ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT IN ALL LANGUAGES AND PRINCIPAL WIRE SERVICES ARE CERTAIN TO CARRY IT BUT WOULD ADVISE AGAINST =

P6/A7 =

GIVING SPECIAL PUBLICITY AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF PAUCITY OF FUNDS AVAILABLE HERE FOR RELIEF IN HUNGARY STOP WHEN WE ARE IN A POSITION TO CHANNEL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICRC A BIGGER BUILDUP WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE STOP ALL PRESS ACTION TO BE CONTROLLED BY DUCHWORTH BARKER =

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UNGVA 1863 COHEN FROM, OBEZ YOUR 1850 REMITTED TODAY BOISSIER CLEAN COPIES PROPOSED LETTER FOR AGREEMENT WITH CICR ACCORDING YOUR CABLE STOP HAVE ASKED HE CALL ME SOONEST TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND SHALL ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY STOP BOISSIER REITERATED QUESTION ON POSSIBILITY AND SCOPE UN AID STOP HAVE

P2

DONE BEST TO EXPLAIN SITUATION ACCORDING MY 1841 STOP EYE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON LAST SENTENCE DRAFT AGREEMENT CONCERNING INFORMATION OF HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT STOP HOW DO YOU ENVISAGE QUESTION OF PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN THIS AGREEMENT WHEN CONCLUDED INCLUDING TIMING SUCH PUBLICITY NAMELY BEFORE OR WHEN IT CAN ACTUALLY

P3/28

BE IMPLEMENTED TO X X X IMPLEMENTED STOP ALSO NEED YOUR VIEWS FOR DISCUSSION WITH CICR CONCERNING THEIR ROLE IN INFORMING THOSE CONCERNED ON AGREEMENT WITH UN INCLUDING THEIR REPLY TO UN LETTER .

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UNGVA 1841 COHEN FROM OBEZ YOUR 1837 DEFINITELY FAVOUR OF ALTERNATIVE B AND SINGLE AGREEMENT AS PROPOSED IN YOUR REVISED DRAFT SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING COMMENTS STOP FIRSTLY MEANING AND INDICATIONS SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA EIGHT WHICH IS NEW MIGHT BE QUESTIONED BY CICR STOP ESSENTIAL HAS CLOSE DISNATURE

P2

BUT WONDER IF IN NEGOTIATIONS I COULD BE AUTHORIZED IF NECESSARY REPEAT IF NECESSARY TO ADD QUALIFICATION THAT NATURE OF COOPERATION ON THE SPOT WOULD BE DETERMINED AS AND WHEN NECESSARY BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT STOP SECONDLY PARA NINE FIRST SENTENCE CAN BE INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY FROM COMMENT BOISSIER IN HIS A822

P3

WHERE SPEEKS OF CICR BEING QUOTE SEUL EXECUTANT UNQUOTE STOP BELIEVE THAT CICR MEANS THAT THEY WILL BE ALONE TO CARRY OUT DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES ON THE SPOT AND THAT THIS EXCLUDES PRESENCE UN PERSONNEL IN DISTRIBUTION ACTION ALONG WITH THEIR STAFF STOP YOUR PARA NINE CONVEYS DIFFERENT

P4

IDEA NAMELY THAT UN WOULD NOT ASK ANY OTHER OUTSIDE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT RELIEF PROGRAM ON ITS BEHALF STOP CONSIDER HOWEVER THIS POINT LESS IMPORTANT FOR NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INTERPRETATION IN ORDER TO BE FULLY INFORMED IF POINT RAISED STOP THIRDLY I ASSUME SECOND SENTENCE IN

P5

PARA NINE ALSO APPLIES TO UNICEF STOP FOURTHLY SUGGEST PARA SEVEN CMA EIGHT AND TEN BE PLACED IN THAT ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRESENT PARA ELEVEN STOP SHALL AWAIT YOUR DECISION FOR NEGOTIATION WITH CICR STOP THIS CONNECTION I WISH POINT OUT ACADEMIC CHARACTER SUCH NEGOTIATION UNLESS UN HAS FUNDS PLACED

P6

AT DISPOSAL RED CROSS STOP QUESTION ON THIS AND MAGNITUDE UN AID IS PUT TO ME CONSTANTLY BY CICR STOP I INDICATE THAT ON BASIS INFORMATION AT MY DISPOSAL IT APPEARS THAT SO FAR GOVERNMENTS RESPOND SECGEN APPEAL BY INDICATING WHAT THEY CONTRIBUTE TO RED CROSS DIRECT AND I EMPHASIZE

P7/44

THEREFORE IMPORTANCE WE RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM RED CROSS ON RESOURCES OFFERED TO THEM FROM SUCH AND OTHER SOURCES STOP SITUATION HOWEVER BECOMING EMBARRASING STOP ON OTHER END I UNDERSTAND FROM RATE CONCLUSION AGREEMENT MIGHT HELP UNICEF STOP SHOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION THIS RESPECT.

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GENEVA ;

1837 OBEZ FURTHER MY TELEGRAM 1830 PATE HAND CARRYING TO YOU CONFIDENTIAL COPY DRAFT LETTER WE CONSIDERING SEND THROUGH YOU TO CICR STOP DRAFT CONTAINS POINTS PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED OUR 1770 AND YOUR 1749 SEMICOLON DRAFT ALSO INCLUDES OUR VIEWS MATTERS MENTIONED BOISSIERS CABLE A822 STOP REGRET STILL ;

P2

UNABLE GIVE ANY INDICATION SIZE UN RESOURCES STOP REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH CICR STOP ALTERNATIVE A WOULD INVOLVE EXCHANGE LETTERS FIRST ONLY ON POINTS INCLUDED OUR 1770 AND BOISSIERS 1749 COMMA WITH SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON ADDITIONAL MATTERS RAISED BY BOISSIERS A822 AND INCLUDED IN OUR DRAFT ;

P3/37

LETTER BEING BROUGH TO YOU BY PATE STOP ALTERNATE B ENVISAGES A SINGLE AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS SET FORTH IN DRAFT LETTER PATE CARRYING STOP WE INCLINED FAVOUR ALTERNATIVE B BUT WITH YOUR VIEWS BEFORE DECIDING ;

COHEN "

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GENEVA

1770 PELT FOR BOISSIER PRIMO FURTHER TO MY CONVERSATION WITH MR MICHEL ON FOURTEEN NOVEMBER EYE SUBMIT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING LETTER WHICH IF SATISFACTORY WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS STOP QUOTE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITEDNATIONS CMA AT ITS SECOND

P2

EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION CMA HAS REQUESTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO BRING AID TO THE POPULATION OF HUNGARY STOP PARA CONSIDERING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN EMERGENCY RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN HUNGARY CMA EYE WISH TO SET FORTH COMA ON

P3

BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL CMA THE PROPOSALS OF THE UNITEDNATIONS FOR COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS IN THIS HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMME STOP PARA ONE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS CMA AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL CMA AGREES TO USE ANY FUNDS AS MAY BE

P4

TRANSFERRED TO IT BY THE UNITEDNATIONS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING IMMEDIATE AID TO THE POPULATION OF HUNGARY BY FURNISHING MEDICAL SUPPLIES CMA FOODSTUFFS AND CLOTHES STOP TWO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS AGREES TO UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH SUPPLIES AS MAY BE FURNISHED BY

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THE UNITEDNATIONS STOP THREE THE UNITEDNATIONS AGREES TO RECOGNIZE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS AS AN INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION WHICH UNDERTAKES TO PERFORM THE SERVICES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS ONE AND TWO ABOVE STOP FOUR IT IS AGREED BY THE UNITEDNATIONS THAT THE PERFORMANCE BY THE INTERANTIONAL COMMITTE

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OF THE REDCROSS OF THE SERVICES ENVISAGED IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL NOT IN ANY WAY PLACE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS IN A SUBORDINATE POSTION TOWARDS THE UNITEDNATIONS AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED BY THE UNITEDNATIONS TO CARRY OUT ANY OTHER TASKS

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THAN THOSE ABOVE SPECIFIED STOP FIVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS WILL SUPPLY ALL ORGANIZATIONAL CMA SUPERVISORY AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL CMA SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAMME STOP SIX THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE REDCROSS WILL KEEP THE UNITEDNATIONS REGULARLY INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF

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THE PROGRAMME BY REPORTS AND DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS STOP SEVEN THE UNITEDNATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED-CROSS WILL ACT IN CLOSE COLLABORATION IN REGARD TO THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME STOP UNQUOTE PARA GRATEFUL RECEIVE BOISSIERS COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TOGETHER WITH HIS PROPOSED REPLY STOP

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Le 30 novembre 1956.

CONFIDENTIELLE

Cher ami,

Pierre Obez m'a tenu au courant de ses activités relatives à l'aide des Nations Unies à la Hongrie depuis le début de la mission de liaison que vous lui avez confiée. Mercredi, j'ai rendu visite avec lui au Président Boissier pour mettre au point l'accord entre le C.I.C.R. et les Nations Unies selon le projet que vous avez préparé. Nous avons trouvé de la part de la Croix-Rouge beaucoup de compréhension et, en fait, l'accord est accepté ~~aux les~~ termes que vous aviez vous-même fixés.

Au cours de cette visite, nous avons eu une conversation générale avec M. Boissier et ses collaborateurs, d'où nous pouvons tirer les conclusions suivantes :

A plusieurs reprises, nous avons senti de la part de nos interlocuteurs le désir de connaître les ressources que les Nations Unies pourraient, dans un proche avenir, mettre à leur disposition. J'ai senti qu'il y avait là un point difficile, et que si d'ici quelque temps nous n'étions pas capables de concrétiser notre action d'aide en Hongrie, il serait moins facile d'obtenir du Président du Comité et de ses collaborateurs toute l'aide et la compréhension dont ils ont fait preuve jusqu'à présent. Notamment, ils aimeraient savoir si les réponses qu'ils ont déjà faites aux nombreuses questions que nous leur avons posées sur leurs activités et la situation en Hongrie ont une utilité pratique.

Il est donc devenu urgent que vous nous informiez dans toute la mesure du possible de la situation exacte à New York, comment vous envisagez l'intervention des Nations Unies dans cette oeuvre humanitaire en faveur de la Hongrie, et le montant et la forme de l'aide qui pourra être apportée par l'intermédiaire de la Croix-Rouge.

En deuxième lieu, pour ce qui concerne les relations avec la Croix-Rouge, le Président Boissier m'a très nettement indiqué que lui-même et ses collaborateurs désiraient vivement que la liaison soit établie par l'intermédiaire de Genève, et que toutes les questions concernant la collaboration avec les Nations Unies - aussi bien les questions administratives et financières que celles concernant les programmes et leur exécution - soient discutées à Genève. Je crois

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Monsieur Philippe de Seynes
Sous-Secrétaire chargé de l'aide au peuple hongrois
Nations Unies
New York

qu'il est difficile de refuser de nous rendre à cette requête. Vous pouvez compter sur nous, et surtout sur Obez, pour faire le maximum, étant entendu que nous vous référerons, comme par le passé, toute affaire ou question concernant ces négociations. Pour les petites questions de détail, et notamment les procédures administratives et financières, nous pourrons facilement vous décharger de ce souci. De plus, cette liaison à Genève facilitera certainement les communications, car le français est la seule langue officielle et de travail du Comité international, et j'ai senti que l'état-major du C.I.C.R. y tenait énormément.

Je comprends parfaitement que la situation politique est encore très confuse et que, par conséquent, vos possibilités d'action ou de faire des plans soient pour l'instant très limitées. Néanmoins, j'ai cru comprendre que le C.I.C.R. aimerait beaucoup connaître nos intentions futures. M. Boissier a insisté sur le fait que les programmes qui ont été établis par le C.I.C.R. jusqu'à ce jour sont des programmes d'urgence, et que l'intention du Comité n'est pas d'intervenir lorsque la situation en Hongrie se sera tant soit peu améliorée. Leur seul désir sera de se retirer pour laisser éventuellement à une autre organisation le soin de programmes à plus longue échéance.

Quelles que soient nos intentions pour le futur éloigné, il y aurait intérêt à ce que nous puissions intervenir dans les programmes d'urgence. Le premier programme établi par le C.I.C.R. sur la base des indications transmises par son Délégué spécial à Budapest, a été adressé aujourd'hui à Myer Cohen. Il peut être exécuté avec les ressources dont le Comité dispose ou qui lui sont annoncées, soit en nature, soit en espèces. Mais il aura besoin d'être complété par d'autres programmes non limités à l'alimentation, et par un deuxième programme d'urgence s'étendant au-delà de la date limite de mi-janvier qui a été assignée au premier programme. C'est là que les Nations Unies devraient pouvoir aider le C.I.C.R. en lui fournissant les fonds nécessaires pour les programmes supplémentaires. Si déjà on pouvait demander au C.I.C.R. de préparer ces programmes supplémentaires et de les estimer, ce serait une première base d'action pour obtenir les fonds au nom des Nations Unies, et en même temps nous donnerions l'impression au C.I.C.R. d'une participation effective. De plus, nous pourrions dès à présent proposer au C.I.C.R., s'il le désire, de l'aider pour les achats des denrées et fournitures indispensables. Je crois savoir qu'en ce qui concerne ces achats, le bureau de l'UNICEF à Paris serait prêt à collaborer avec le C.I.C.R., ainsi que Maurice Pate en a fait l'offre au Président Boissier.

Selon toutes les informations reçues ici, les besoins de la population hongroise dépasseront sans aucun doute ceux qui peuvent être couverts par les secours d'urgence que la Croix-Rouge peut apporter, même avec l'aide des Nations Unies. Le Comité considère que lorsqu'il aura cessé son action, il restera une oeuvre de "réhabilitation" à accomplir qui déborde le cadre de la mission des organismes de Croix-Rouge. Il est évident que la prise en charge d'un tel programme par les Nations Unies dépendra essentiellement de la conjoncture politique, mais il serait bon d'y penser dès maintenant.

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Je vous serais reconnaissant de demander à Myer Cohen de nous tenir au courant de la situation à New York, de vos intentions et de vos vues à ce sujet car, lors de nos contacts avec la Croix-Rouge, des questions relativement simples nous sont posées auxquelles il nous est difficile de répondre, dans l'ignorance où nous sommes très souvent de ce qui se passe à New York et surtout de ce qu'il est possible de faire selon les circonstances politiques du moment.

Georges Palthey

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EN LOCCURRENCE PARAGRAPH JAI LA PLAISIR DE VOUS FAIRE SAVOIR QUE LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL CMA QUE SOCCUPE DEJA DE CONVOYER EN HONGRIE ET DE DISTRIBUER DANS CE PAYS LES SECOURS DE CROIX-ROUGE CMA ACCEPTE DE SE CHARGER EGALEMENT DES SECOURS FOURNIS PAR LES NATIONS UNIES ET CE DANS LES CONDITIONS

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PREVUES PAR VOTRE LETTRE CMA CEST A DIRE UNQUOTE STOP ABOVE TEXT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY QUOTATION PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH TWELVE OUR [illegible]STOP A RSW 6,,

THEN BE SENT TO US BY BOISSIER WITH FOLLOWING TEXT QSOTE EN VOUS CONFIRMANT CET ACCORD JE CROIS

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UTILE DE PRECISER QUE CMA DANS NOTRE PENSEE CMA COMME CERTAINEMENT DANS LA VOTRE CMA IL FAUT ENTENDRE PAR LES

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PREVUES PAR VOTRE LETTRE CMA CEST A DIRE UNQUOTE STOP ABOVE TEXT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY QUOTATION PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH TWELVE OUR LETTER AND FORMAL ENDING STOP A SEPARATE INTERPRETATIVE LETTER WOULD THEN BE SENT TO US BY BOISSIER WITH FOLLOWING TEXT QUOTE EN VOUS CONFIRMANT CET ACCORD JE CROIS

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UTILE DE PRECISER QUE CMA DANS NOTRE PENSEE CMA COMME CERTAINEMENT DANS LA VOTRE CMA IL FAUT ENTENDRE PAR LES MOTS SUCH SUPPLIES AS MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS FIGURANT SOUS CHIFFRE 2 CMA NON PAS NIMPORTE QUELLES MARCHANDISES CMA MAIS CELLES QUI CORRESPONDENT AUX BESOINS URGENTS DE

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LA POPULATION A SECOURIR PARAGRAPH AU CAS OU CMA COMME CELA EST RESERVE SOUS CHIFFRE 7 CMA LUNE OU LAUTRE DES AGENCES SPECIALISEES DES NATIONS UNIES ENTRE PRENDRAIENT UNE ACTION DASSISTANCE RENTRANT DANS SES ATTRIBUTIONS NORMALES CMA IL Y AUTAIT LIEU CMA A NOTRE AVIS CMA DETABLIR UNE LIAISON ENTRE CES

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AGENCES ET NOTRE INSTITUTION CMA DE FAÇON A COORDONNER NOS ACTIVITES RESPECTIVES ET DEVITER DES DOUBLES EMPLOIS PARAGRAPH LES MODALITES DE COUVERTURES DES FRAIS ADMINISTRATIFS ET DEXECUTION DE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE FAISANT LOBJET DES CHIFFRES 6 ET 9 SERONT ETABLIES DUN COMMUN ACCORD ENTRE LES NATIONS UNIES ET

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LE CICR PARAGRAPH NOUS AVONS NOTE QUE VOUS AVEZ LINTENTION DINFORMER LE GOUVERNEMENT HONGROIS DE LARRANGEMENT INTERVENU ENTRE LES NATIONS UNIES ET LE CICR FULL STOP LE CICR DEVANT FAIRE DE MEME DE SON COTE CMA JE ME PERMETS DE VOUS SUGGERER QUE CES COMMUNICATIONS SOIENT SIMULTANEES UNQUOTE STOP WE

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WOULD REPLY AS FOLLOWS QUOTE COMME SUITE A VOTRE LETTRE DU TANT JAI LHONNEUR DE VOUS CONFIRMER MON ACCORD SUR LINTERPRETATION QUE VOUS DONNEZ AUX DISPOSITIONS CONTENUES DANS MA LETTRE DU TANT RELATIVES AUX CONDITIONS DANS LESQUELLES LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX ROUGE ACCEPTE DE SE CHARGER DES SECOURS FOURNIS

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PAR LES NATIONS UNIES EN FAVEUR DE LA POPULATION DE HONGRIE PARAGRAPH PAR LES MOTS SUCH SUPPLIES AS MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS FIGURANT AU PARAGRAPHE 2 IL FAUT ENTENDRE NON PAS NIMPORTE QUELLE MARCHANDISE MAIS CELLES QUI CORRESPONDENT AUX BESOINS URGENTS DE LA POPULATION A SECOURIR PARAGRAPHE

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JE RECOMMANDERAI AUX INSTITUTIONS SPECIALISEES DES NATIONS UNIES INTERESSEES DE DONNER SUITE A VOTRE SUGGESTION CONCERNANT LA LIAISON QUELLES DEVRAIETN ETABLIR AVEC VOTRE INSTITUTION AU CAS OU ELLES ENTREPRENDRAIENT UNE ACTION DASSISTANCE RENTRANT DANS LEURS ATTRIBUTIONS PROPRES DE FACON A COORDONNER LEURS ACTIVITES AVEC CELLES DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA

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CROIXROUGE ET A EVITER DES DOUBLES EMPLOIS PARAGRAPH IL EST ENTENDU QUE LES MODALITES DE COUVERTURE DES FRAIS ADMINISTRATIFS ET DEXECUTION DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE MENTIONNES AU PARAGRAPHE 6 DE MA LETTRE DU TANT SERONT ETABLIES DUN COMMUN ACCORD ENTRE LES NATIONS UNIES ET LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE

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LA CROIXROUGE PARAGRAPH JE VOUS CONFIRME EGALEMENT QUE LES COMMUNICATIONS AU GOUVERNEMENT HONGROIS DE LARRANGEMENT INTERVENU ENTRE LE COMITE ET LES NATIONS UNIES SERONT EFFECTUEES SIMULTANEMENT DANS LES CONDITIONS QUE NOUS AVONS ARRETEES ENSEMBLE UNQUOTE STOP PLEASE CONFIRM AGREEMENT ON TEXTS ABOVE STOP HAVE NOTED YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING TIMING SIGNATURE AND

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WE SHALL AWAIT YOUR DECISION STOP UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDER UNLIKELY AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED BEFORE MONDAY

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1905 PALTHEY AND OBEZ CONFIDENTIAL YOUR 1881 CONGRATULATIONS
ON SUCCESS YOUR NEGOTIATIONS STOP WISH RECEIVE TELETYPE
BOISSIER REPLY BEFORE AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE STOP WILL THEN
ARRANGE SECGEN OR DESEYNES AUTHORIZE PALTHEY SIGN STOP FOR
YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WE NOT EAGER RUSH SIGNATURE AT
THE MOMENT THOUGH ONLY QUESTION IS ;
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ONE OF TIMING STOP WHEN AGREEMENT SIGNED SECGEN WILL REQUIRE
EIGHT DAYLIGHT HOURS NEWYORK TIME FOR NOTIFICATION HUNGARIAN
GOVERNMENT THROUGH DELEGATION NEWYORK STOP AGREE YOUR SUGGESTION
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COMMENTS COLON ONE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXPRESSION QUOTE SUCH SUPPLIES AS MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE UNITEDNATIONS UNQUOTE IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF AGREEMENT REFERS TO SUPPLIES RELATED TO THE URGENT NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHICH RELIEF ACTION IS UNDERTAKEN AND NOT TO ANY SUPPLIES STOP TWO WHERE A

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UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY WOULD UNDERTAKE ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS AS PROVIDED IN PARA SEVEN IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH A LIAISON BETWEEN SUCH AGENCY AND CICR IN ORDER COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AND AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS STOP THREE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE COMMITTEE REFERRED TO IN

P4

PARAGRAPHS SIX AND NINE WOULD BE COVERED WOULD BE AGRRED UPON BETWEEN UN AND COMMITTEE STOP HAVE INDICATED THAT ALL POINTS ACCEPTABLE TO US BUT WITH REGARD TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES HAVE TOLD BOISSIER THAT WE WOULD INFORM SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED OF HIS REMARK AND RECOMMEND THAT SUGGESTED LIAISON BE ESTABLISHED

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IF AND WHEN SUCH AGENCY DECIDES UNDERTAKE ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS IN HUNGARY STOP BOISSIER AGREED TO INCLUDE THESE POINTS IN SEPARATE LETTER TO WHCIH EYE WOULD REPLY GIVING AGREEMENT UN STOP AGREEMENT ITSELF WOULD CONSIST IN EXCHANGE YOUR LETTER AND BOISSIER REPLY INDICATING HIS AGREEMENT AND QUOTING PARA ONE TO TWELVE

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YOUR LETTER STOP TO SPEED UP SIGNATURE AGREEMENT SUGGEST THAT PALTHEY BE AUTHORIZED SIGN FORMAL LETTER ON BEHALF SECGEN STOP IF THIS AGREED EXCHANGE LETTER COULD TAKE PLACE THURSDAY MORNING STOP BOISSIER WOULD REPLY IN FRENCH AND FRENCH TEXT WILL BE PROVIDED BY US STOP REGARDING NOTIFICATION TO HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT

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BOISSIER SUGGESTS THAT SUCH COMMUNICATION BE SIMULTANEOUS FROM UN AND CICR STOP CICR HAS NOW DIRECT TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH BUDAPEST STOP WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INDICATING TO ME HOW MUCH TIME IT WOULD TAKE FOR UN TO MAKE SUCH COMMUNICATION TO GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO ENSURE SIMULTANEITY STOP REGARDING PUBLICITY TO

P8

BE GIVEN THIS AGREEMENT BOISSIER AGREEABLE WE SET TIME FOR SIMULTANEOUS ACTION STOP IN VIEW SIX HOURS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GENEVA AND NEWYORK TIME SUGGEST DATE AND TIME PUBLICITY BE FIXED AFTER EYE HAVE COMMUNICATED TO YOU THAT AGREEMENT IS

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SIGNED AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TIME OF NOTIFICATION TO HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT BOTH BY UN AND CICR.

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TO UN LETTER HOPEFUL PRESENT DRAFT ACCEPTABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE AND THAT REPLY WILL MERELY HAVE TO STATE CONTENTS AGREED STOP RE PUBLICITY SUGGEST WE RELEASE TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO PRESS IN NEWYORK THROUGH NORMAL DPI CHANNEL CMA LEAVING ICRC FREE TO ISSUE THEIR OWN STATEMENT IN GENEVA CMA SHOULD THEY =

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SO DESIRE STOP SUGGEST SUITABLE TIMING WOULD BE 1700 HOURS NEWYORK TIME ON DAY OF SIGNATURE CMA SO THAT ANY ICRC RELEASE SHOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC EARLIER STOP UNATIONS RADIO WILL ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT IN ALL LANGUAGES AND PRINCIPAL WIRE SERVICES ARE CERTAIN TO CARRY IT BUT WOULD ADVISE AGAINST =

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GIVING SPECIAL PUBLICITY AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF PAUCITY OF FUNDS AVAILABLE HERE FOR RELIEF IN HUNGARY STOP WHEN WE ARE IN A POSITION TO CHANNEL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICRC A BIGGER BUILDUP WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE STOP ALL PRESS ACTION TO BE CONTROLLED BY DUCKWORTH BARKER =

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UNGVA 1863 COHEN FROM OBEZ YOUR 1850 REMITTED TODAY BOISSIER CLEAN COPIES PROPOSED LETTER FOR AGREEMENT WITH CICR ACCORDING YOUR CABLE STOP HAVE ASKED HE CALL ME SOONEST TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND SHALL ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY STOP BOISSIER REITERATED QUESTION ON POSSIBILITY AND SCOPE UN AID STOP HAVE

P2

DONE BEST TO EXPLAIN SITUATION ACCORDING MY 1841 STOP EYE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON LAST SENTENCE DRAFT AGREEMENT CONCERNING INFORMATION OF HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT STOP HOW DO YOU ENVISAGE QUESTION OF PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN THIS AGREEMENT WHEN CONCLUDED INCLUDING TIMING SUCH PUBLICITY NAMELY BEFORE OR WHEN IT CAN ACTUALLY

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BE IMPLEMENTED TO X X X IMPLEMENTED STOP ALSO NEED YOUR VIEWS FOR DISCUSSION WITH CICR CONCERNING THEIR ROLE IN INFORMING THOSE CONCERNED ON AGREEMENT WITH UN INCLUDING THEIR REPLY TO UN LETTER .

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1850 CONFIDENTIAL OBEZ THANKS YOUR 1841 STOP INTENTION PARA EIGHT KEEP OPEN POSSIBILITY SECGEN REPRESENTATIVE GOING BUDAPEST FOR GENERAL OBSERVATION OR TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING NEEDS BUT NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISTRIBUTION SUPPLIES STOP NO OBJECTION ADDITION QUALIFICATION SUGGESTED YOUR CABLE IF NECESSARY STOP PARA NINE MEANS ;

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CICR WILL BE SEUL EXECUTANT SUPPLIES SENT UNDER GA RESOLUTION 399 BUT SECGEN CANNOT BIND ACTIVITIES OTHER UN AGENCIES IN ANY ACTION THEY MAY TAKE ON THEIR OWN STOP BELIEVE NO INTENTION SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SEND STAFF FOR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSES AND UNICEF POSITION UNDOUBTEDLY EXPLAINED BY PATE WHO AGREEABLE THIS ;

P3/47 ;

PARAGRAPH STOP NO OBJECTION CHANGE ORDER PARAGRAPHS AS PROPOSED YOUR CABLE STOP AGREE AND UNDERSTAND YOUR COMMENTS ON ABSENCE UN RESOURCES BUT EAGER CONCLUDE AGREEMENT CICR SOONEST STOP REQUEST YOU UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS CICR WITH VIEW TO OUR EXCHANGING LETTERS WITH THEM AS SOON AS TEXT AGREED ;

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UNGVA 1842 COHEN FROM OBEZ YOUR 1838 IN CAUSE MEETING YESTERDAY WHICH I ATTENDED WITH PAGE AND BOISSIER WE HAVE REITERATED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON RESOURCES AND HOPE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH DATA MONDAY MORNING STOP SHALL ALSO THEN REPLY YOUR 1851 OR SUGGEST PATE OBTAIN INFORMATION VIENNA

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UNGVA 1841 COHEN FROM OBEZ YOUR 1837 DEFINITELY FAVOUR OF ALTERNATIVE B AND SINGLE AGREEMENT AS PROPOSED IN YOUR REVISED DRAFT SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING COMMENTS STOP FIRSTLY MEANING AND INDICATIONS SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA EIGHT WHICH IS NEW MIGHT BE QUESTIONED BY CICR STOP ESSENTIAL HAS CLOSE DISNATURE

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BUT WONDER IF IN NEGOTIATIONS I COULD BE AUTHORIZED IF NECESSARY REPEAT IF NECESSARY TO ADD QUALIFICATION THAT NATURE OF COOPERATION ON THE SPOT WOULD BE DETERMINED AS AND WHEN NECESSARY BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT STOP SECONDLY PARA NINE FIRST SENTENCE CAN BE INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY FROM COMMENT BOISSIER IN HIS A822

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WHERE SPEEKS OF CICR BEING QUOTE SEUL EXECUTANT UNQUOTE STOP BELIEVE THAT CICR MEANS THAT THEY WILL BE ALONE TO CARRY OUT DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES ON THE SPOT AND THAT THIS EXCLUDES PRESENCE UN PERSONNEL IN DISTRIBUTION ACTION ALONG WITH THEIR STAFF STOP YOUR PARA NINE CONVEYS DIFFERENT

P4

IDEA NAMELY THAT UN WOULD NOT ASK ANY OTHER OUTSIDE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT RELIEF PROGRAM ON ITS BEHALF STOP CONSIDER HOWEVER THIS POINT LESS IMPORTANT FOR NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INTERPRETATION IN ORDER TO BE FULLY INFORMED IF POINT RAISED STOP THIRDLY I ASSUME SECOND SENTENCE IN

P5

PARA NINE ALSO APPLIES TO UNICEF STOP FOURTHLY SUGGEST PARA SEVEN CMA EIGHT AND TEN BE PLACED IN THAT ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRESENT PARA ELEVEN STOP SHALL AWAIT YOUR DECISION FOR NEGOTIATION WITH CICR STOP THIS CONNECTION I WISH POINT OUT ACADEMIC CHARACTER SUCH NEGOTIATION UNLESS UN HAS FUNDS PLACED

P6

AT DISPOSAL RED CROSS STOP QUESTION ON THIS AND MAGNITUDE UN AID IS PUT TO ME CONSTANTLY BY CICR STOP I INDICATE THAT ON BASIS INFORMATION AT MY DISPOSAL IT APPEARS THAT SO FAR GOVERNMENTS RESPOND SECGEN APPEAL BY INDICATING WHAT THEY CONTRIBUTE TO RED CROSS DIRECT AND I EMPHASIZE

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THEREFORE IMPORTANCE WE RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM RED CROSS ON RESOURCES OFFERED TO THEM FROM SUCH AND OTHER SOURCES STOP SITUATION HOWEVER BECOMING EMBARRASING STOP ON OTHER END I UNDERSTAND FROM PATE CONCLUSION AGREEMENT MIGHT HELP UNICEF STOP SHOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION THIS RESPECT.

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SUGGESTED ACTION

1. Cable CICR advising that letter proposing terms of agreement is forthcoming.

2. Transmit proposed agreement with accompanying letter stating inter alia:

i. The proposed agreement generally incorporates the terms of our cable 1770 and CICR's cables A/816 and A/822.

ii. In view of the conclusion of the agreement between CICR and the Hungarian Red Cross, and previous Hungarian Government's communications to the United Nations about their readiness to co-operate with UN agencies, no separate agreement is required between UN and the Hungarian Government at this time. ~~The Secretary-General, however, will notify the Hungarian Government as soon as the agreement with CICR is completed.~~

iii. Any information available at present regarding the approximate size of the UN aid.

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1837 OBEZ FURTHER MY TELEGRAM 1830 PATE HAND CARRYING TO YOU CONFIDENTIAL COPY DRAFT LETTER WE CONSIDERING SEND THROUGH YOU TO CICR STOP DRAFT CONTAINS POINTS PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED OUR 1770 AND YOUR 1749 SEMICOLON DRAFT ALSO INCLUDES OUR VIEWS MATTERS MENTIONED BOISSIERS CABLE A822 STOP REGRET STILL ;

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UNABLE GIVE ANY INDICATION SIZE UN RESOURCES STOP REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH CICR STOP ALTERNATIVE A WOULD INVOLVE EXCHANGE LETTERS FIRST ONLY ON POINTS INCLUDED OUR 1770 AND BOISSIERS 1749 COMMA WITH SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON ADDITIONAL MATTERS RAISED BY BOISSIERS A822 AND INCLUDED IN OUR DRAFT ;

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LETTER BEING BROUGH TO YOU BY PATE STOP ALTERNATE B ENVISAGES A SINGLE AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS SET FORTH IN DRAFT LETTER PATE CARRYING STOP WE INCLINED FAVOUR ALTERNATIVE B BUT WITH YOUR VIEWS BEFORE DECIDING ;

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GENEVA ;

1830 OBEZ MAURICE PATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNICEF ARRIVING GENEVA SATURDAY NOON STOP PATE FAMILIAR DEVELOPMENTS HERE ON HUNGARIAN REFUGEES AND RELIEF PROGRAMMES AND WE SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE SEE HIM STOP PATE AN OLD FRIEND OF BOISSIER AND EXPECTS HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH LATTER STOP PATE PROCEEDING VIENNA MONDAY AFTERNOON ;

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UNGVA-1805 DE SEYNES FROM HILL AND OBEZ STOP HAVE DISCUSSED CICR ACTION IN HUNGARY WITH BOISSIER AND MICHEL STOP CICR DEVELOPING THEIR ACTION ON BASIS AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH HUNGARIAN RED CROSS AND RATIFIED HUNGARIAN

GOVERNMENT AS OUTLINED OUR CABLE 1773 STOP ARE SETTING UP SPECIAL DELEGATION IN

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BUDAPEST WITH WILLY MEIER FORMERLY WITH UNICEF AND ECKERT OF UNICEF NOW PUT AT DISPOSAL CICR BY PATE STOP RESOURCES IN KIND ARE CENTRALIZED VIENNA WHERE STOCKED BY LEAGUE RED CROSS SOCIETIES STOP PROPORTION OF THESE RESOURCES EARMARKED FOR IMMEDIATE AID TO HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA AND FOR HUNGARY SUBJECT

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TO NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSTANT REVIEW BETWEEN CICR AND LEAGUE STOP MAJOR SHARE THESE RESOURCES BEING TRANSPORTED BY CICR TO HUNGARY STOP BOISSIER AWAITING UN DECISION ON AGREEMENT WITH CICR ON BASIS YOUR CABLE 1770 AND CICR REPLY AS CONTAINED IN CABLE 1749 FROM PELT STOP ALSO AWAITING INFORMATION REQUESTED CONCERNING

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APPROXIMATE SCOPE OF UN AID STOP CONCERNING COMMENTS CONTAINED IN BOISSIERS CABLE A 822 OF 15 NOVEMBER BOISSIER STRESSES CICR ACTION ON BEHALF UN IN HUNGARY WHICH IS COVERED BY PARA-GRAPH TWO OF AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARIAN RED CROSS AND GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT LIMIT OR HAMPER EXERCISE OF TRADITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF

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CICR IN HUNGARY TO WHICH UTMOST IMPORTANCE ATTACHED STOP EYE POINTED OUT RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON SECGEN BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RE-

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CICR IN HUNGARY TO WHICH UTMOST IMPORTANCE ATTACHED STOP EYE POINTED OUT RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON SECGEN BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTIONS ON HUNGARIAN SITUATION AND THAT HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS PREPARED TO CONDUCT TALKS ON HOW REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY SECGEN MAY PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZING ASSISTANCE ON THE

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SPOT STOP BOISSIER CONSIDERSCLOSEST COLLABORATION BETWEEN CICR AND UN IN GENEVA PRESENTS NO DIFFICULTIES BUT IS AT PRESENT DOUBTFUL FEASIBILITY JOINT ACTION OR SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY IN RESPECT DISTRIBUTION SUPPLIES ON THE SPOT WITH ANY UN PERSONNEL WHICH MIGHT BE SENT HUNGARY STOP EYE SUGGESTED THAT WE REFLECT ON

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QUESTION OF SUITABLE FORMULA FOR POSSIBLE COLLABORATION BETWEEN CICR AND ANY UN PERSONNEL IN HUNGARY STOP ALSO STRESSED THAT WHATEVER TERMS REFERENCE SUCH UN PERSONNEL THESE WOULD BE FULLY AGREED BEFOREHAND WITH HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT STOP ON OTHER HAND BOISSIER SAW NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT UN PERSONNEL OR MISSION BEING SENT HUNGARY

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TO ENQUIRE ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND ON ORGANIZATION LONGER RANGE ASSISTANE SUCH ACTION BEING ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY CICR STOP

Are Govts prepared to consider this?

EYE CAN CLARIFY CERTAIN DETAILS ON ARRIVAL IN NEWYORK

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21 November 1956

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DR A F T (Revised)

Mr. Leopold Boissier,
International Committee of the Red Cross,
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Boissier,

The General Assembly of the United Nations, at its Second Emergency Special Session, has requested the Secretary-General to take immediately the necessary measures to bring aid to the population of Hungary.

Considering that the International Committee of the Red Cross has been engaged in emergency relief activities in Hungary and has concluded an agreement with the Hungarian Red Cross to this effect, I wish to set forth on behalf of the Secretary-General, the proposals of the United Nations for co-operation with the International Committee in this humanitarian programme.

1. The Committee, at the request of the Secretary-General, agrees to use any funds as may be transferred to it by the United Nations for the exclusive purpose of providing immediate aid to the population of Hungary, in particular by furnishing medical supplies, foodstuffs and clothing. The responsibility assumed by the Committee in this respect will commence upon receipt of any such funds and will terminate after the distribution of relief supplies to the Hungarian population or, in the event of cessation of the programme, upon return to the United Nations of any unused portion of such funds or of supplies purchased with such funds.

2. The Committee will undertake responsibility for the distribution of such supplies as may be furnished by the United Nations. The Committee may indicate to the United Nations the types of relief goods regarded as most appropriate for the purposes of the programme.

3. In accordance with the principles of the Red Cross and in the spirit of the Geneva Conventions, the Committee will distribute relief under this programme without discrimination and on the basis of need alone.

4. While making every effort to carry out this programme as rapidly as possible, the Committee will retain sole responsibility for the schedule (French: "cadence") of distribution of relief supplies. In the event of difficulties or obstacles arising in the execution of the programme, the Committee will, if necessary, report to the United Nations but it will be solely responsible for taking appropriate measures.

5. The Committee will supply all organizational, supervisory and technical personnel, services and equipment required for the operation of the programme.

6. The United Nations will defray such administrative and operational costs of the Committee attributable to the performance of the United Nations relief programme as may be agreed between the United Nations and the Committee.

7. The Committee will submit to the Secretary-General monthly operational reports and financial reports of costs incurred in the performance of its responsibilities under this agreement.

8. The United Nations and the Committee will act in close collaboration in regard to the planning and the implementation of the programme. In particular, the Committee will extend full co-operation to any representative who may be sent to Hungary by the Secretary-General in connexion with the programme.

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very urgently please

9. The Committee will be the sole agency to carry out the relief programme on behalf of the United Nations with the contributions made pursuant to resolution 399 adopted by the General Assembly at the Second Emergency Special Session on 9 November 1956. This shall not be construed to limit the right of other United Nations agencies to carry out assistance programmes in accordance with their terms of reference and in agreement with the Hungarian authorities.

10. Nothing contained in this agreement will affect any of the other activities which the Committee already is carrying out or may carry out in Hungary in the performance of its traditional role.

11. The United Nations recognizes the Committee as an independent and autonomous organization which undertakes to perform the services envisaged in this agreement. The performance of such services will not in any way place the Committee in a subordinate position towards the United Nations, and the Committee will not be required to carry out any other task than those set forth in this agreement.

12. This Agreement may be terminated by either party on one week's notice subject, if possible, to prior consultation. The termination of this Agreement will not affect the responsibilities of either party under the Agreement with respect to the completion of the distribution of supplies still outstanding at the date of termination.

I should greatly appreciate receiving your confirmation that the International Committee of the Red Cross accepts the proposals contained in this letter. (Following such confirmation, the Secretary-General will inform the Hungarian Government of this agreement.)

Sincerely,

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TO: Mr. Cohen

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	SEE ME, PLEASE		RETURNED AS REQUESTED
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	NOTE AND FILE		FOR ACTION
	NOTE AND RETURN		REPLY FOR MY SIGNATURE
	YOUR COMMENTS		INITIAL AND FORWARD

This memo has been sent back to Mr. de Seynes by the Secretary-General.

Mr. de Seynes told me to give it to you.

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COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD SHOULD NOT BE WRITTEN ON THIS SLIP. REFERRAL SHEET PT.108 SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD.

DATE: FROM:

Mr. Cohen

UNITED NATIONS NATIONS UNIES

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Dag Hammarskjold

Date: 20 November 1956

FILE NO.:

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FROM: Maurice Pate

SUBJECT:

I am tentatively planning to leave here on Friday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m. by Swiss Air direct to Geneva. UNICEF has received a request from the Austrian Government to render aid to the children of Hungarian refugees recently arrived in Austria. The UNICEF position on aid to children in Hungary and to the children of Hungarian refugees in Austria is outlined in the attached memorandum.

We know that as of this time a great wave of aid from all over the world both for relief in Hungary and for Hungarian refugees has already resulted in the accumulation of considerable stocks of supplies in Austria; and that convoys of relief supplies are moving frequently from Austria into Budapest.

We still cannot foresee what the final dimensions of the problem will be. The call for help may be a very large one, depending on the restoration of tranquillity and the normal flow of supplies in Hungary from the countryside to the cities.

The first purpose of my trip will be to analyze the request of the Austrian authorities with the appropriate officials in Vienna. Enroute to Vienna I would see my friends in Geneva in the International Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies. Knowing of Mr. De Seynes' negotiations with Mr. Boissier on over-all arrangements between the U.N. and the International Committee of the Red Cross, I would stand aside from these, unless requested by Mr. De Seynes to take any step on his behalf.

In Vienna I will be able to obtain current information on the relief situation in Hungary from Mr. Willie Meyer, who is presently in charge of the Hungarian relief operation for the International Committee of the Red Cross. Mr. Meyer, a Swiss national who has been for some years with UNICEF, is now on loan from UNICEF to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

UNICEF now has at the port of Rijeka, Yugoslavia (near Trieste) 440,000 pounds of powdered dry skim milk (plus another 766,000 pounds due there next week) or a total of 1,206,000 pounds. This could be moved on short order either for children of Hungarian refugees in Austria or children in Hungary if the circumstances warrant.

cc: Mr. Cordier
Mr. De Seynes
Mr. M. Cohen
Mr. Hill

Not for publication
For staff guidance.

20 November 1956

UNICEF Position on Aid to Children in Hungary
and to the Children of Hungarian Refugees

From the first days of unrest in Hungary, UNICEF has been diligently following day by day the course of events both with respect to needs of children developing in Hungary and with respect to needs of children among Hungarians entering Austria. We have been able to do this through the United Nations Office in Geneva which is constantly in touch with the International Committee of the Red Cross and also through our UNICEF Regional Office in Paris which maintains contacts both with Geneva and Vienna. As you are aware from the press, there has been a large and immediate out-pouring of aid from countries all around the world to alleviate the condition of the refugees, and under the aegis of the International Committee of the Red Cross the first convoys of relief supplies have reached Budapest in recent days.

As of Saturday, the 17th, the Austrian Government informs us there were 30,000 Hungarian refugees in Austria. As of last night we are advised that the equivalent of approximately $1,450,000 in aid has already been made available to Hungarian refugees in Austria and in the form of supplies for relief within Hungary. The equivalent of some millions of dollars in cash and supplies has been pledged from various sources, largely Red Cross Societies, for aid both to refugees and for relief within Hungary.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has made an agreement with the Hungarian Red Cross to open up into Hungary what is the first channel of aid for international relief in Hungary. UNICEF has been glad to make its staff contribution to this effort by temporarily loaning an experienced relief operator of Swiss nationality who has been on our staff for the past eight years and who previously was associated for a number of years with the International Red Cross. This staff member is initially in charge of the relief operation within Hungary. Again last week we agreed to temporarily loan another member of our staff to the International Red Cross as supply officer in Budapest.

The out-pouring of aid has been so substantial in these first days that UNICEF has continued to observe the situation in all readiness to act if and when its help might be necessary in the light of aid now being made available from so many other sources.

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As of this day no one can actually foresee what the final total dimensions of the problem will be. The call for help may be a very large one. That depends on the restauration of tranquillity and the normal flow of supplies in Hungary from the countryside to the cities. I simply wish to say that UNICEF is ever alert to its responsibility in providing emergency aid to children and mothers afflicted as a result of the present situation:

(a) to the extent that other governmental and voluntary sources of aid are not able to meet the problem,

and

(b) within the limitations of its own financial capacities.

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POUR DESYNES REFERENCE VOTRE TELEGRAMME 5287 VOUS COMMUNIQUONS TEXTE ACCORD CONCLU ENTRE CICR ET CROIXROUGE HONGROISE QUOTE ENTRE LE COMITE DIRECTEUR DE LA CROIXROUGE HONGROISE REPRESENTE PAR M LE DR GEORGES KILLENER CMA DIRECTEUR EXECUTIF DE LA CROIXROUGE HONGROISE ET M LE DR PROF TIBOR NONAY

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MEMBRE DU COMITE DIRECTEUR DE LA CROIXROUGE HONGROISE ET LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE A GENEVE REPRESENTE PAR M ROGER GALLOPIN CMA DIRECTEUR EXECUTIF CMA REUNIS A VIENNE LE 16 NOVEMBRE 1956 CMA IL A ETE CONVENU CE QUI SUIT COLON L) LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE ASSUME

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LE CONTROLE DE LA DISTRIBUTION EN HONGRIE DES SECOURS DESTINES A LA POPULATION HONGROISE QUI LUI ONT ETE OU QUI LUI SERAIENT CONFIES PAR LES SOCIETES NATIONALES DE LA CROIXROUGE CMA SOIT DIRECTEMENT CMA SOIT PAR LINTERMEDIAIRE DE LA LIGUE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIXROUGE STOP 2) LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL

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HONGROIS STOP 3) LA DISTRIBUTION DE CES DONS PAR LINTERMEDIAIRE NEUTRE DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE SE FERA SELON LES PRINCIPES FONDAMENTAUX REGISSANT SON ACTION CMA A SAVOIR LA STRICTE IMPARTIALITE ET LABSENCE DE TOUTE DISCRIMINATION AUTRE QUE CELLE DICTEE PAR LES BESOINS DES PERSONNES A SECOURIR STOP 4) DANS

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CE BUT CMA LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE ETABLIRA DENTENTE AVEC LA CROIXROUGE HONGROISE DIFFERENTS PROGRAMMES DASSISTANCE QUI SERONT REALISES PROGRESSIVEMENT SELON LURGENCE DES BESOINS ET EN FONCTION DES SECOURS DISPONIBLES STOP A TITRE DEXEMPLE CMA IL EST PREVU DE VENIR EN AIDE EN PREMIER LIEU AUX MALADES CMA

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AUX BLESSES DE TOUTE CATEGORIE CMA AUX ENFANTS EN BAS AGE CMA AUX FEMMES ENCEINTES CMA AUX VIEILLARDS ET AUX INFIRMES STOP 5) TOUTES FACILITES SERONT ACCORDEES AU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE AUX FINS DINSTALLER IMMEDIATEMENT EN HONGRIE UNE DELEGATION DISPOSANT DU PERSONNEL NECESSAIRE POUR COLON A) ETABLIR DENTENTE

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AVEC LA CROIXROUGE HONGROISE LES PROGRAMMES DASSISTANCE MENTIONNES PLUS HAUT CMA B) ASSURER LA GARDE ET LA GESTION DES ENTREPOTS QUE CREERA LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE DANS LES PRINCIPAUX CENTRES DE DISTRIBUTION CMA C) ACHEMINER LES SECOURS A DESTINATION DES ENTREPOTS OU EN PROVENANCE DE CEUXCI CMA D)

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ASSISTER A LA DISTRIBUTION PROPREMENT DITE DES SECOURS ET FAIRE RAPPORT AU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE A GENEVE SUR CES DISTRIBUTIONS A LINTENTION DES DONATEURS STOP ALINEA CE PERSONNEL CMA PRINCIPALEMENT DE NATIONALITE SUISSE CMA SERA PLACE SOUS LA DIRECTION DUN DELEGUE EN CHEF CMA SIEGEANT A BUDAPEST ET

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AGISSANT EN ETROITE LIAISON AVEC LES REPRESENTANTS QUE LA CROIXROUGE

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AGISSANT EN ETROITE LIAISON AVEC LES REPRESENTANTS QUE LA CROIXROUGE HONGROISE DESIGNERA A CET EFFET STOP 6) AFIN DE PERMETTRE LACCOMPLISSEMENT EFFICACE DE LACTION STRICTEMENT HUMANITAIRE DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE CMA LA CROIXROUGE ET LE GOUVERNEMENT HONGROIS VEILLERONT A CE QUE LA DELEGATION DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA

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CROIXROUGE EN HONGRIE RECOIVE DANS LEXERCICE DE SES FONCTIONS CMA AIDE ET PROTECTION DE LA PART DE TOUTES LES AUTORITES CIVILES OU MILITAIRES STOP 7) LES DISPOSITIONS GENERALES DU PRESENT ACCORD SERONT COMPLETEES PAR UN PLAN DOPERATION TECHNIQUE ETABLI DENTENTE ENTRE LES REPRESENTANTS DE LA CROIXROUGE HONGROISE ET LE CHEF

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DE LA DELEGATION DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE A BUDAPEST STOP 8) LE PRESENT ACCORD AYANT POUR SEUL OBJET LA DISTRIBUTION DES SECOURS DESTINES A LA POPULATION HONGROISE CMA IL NE SAIRAIT ETRE INTERPRETE COMME LIMITANT LES AUTRES ACTIVITES HUMANITAIRES QUE LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIXROUGE POURRAIT ETRE

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APPELE A EXERCER EN HONGRIE CONFORMEMENT AUX STATUS DE LA CROIXROUGE INTERNATIONALE OU AUX DISPOSITIONS DES CONVENTIONS DE GENEVE UNQUOTE

BOISSIER PRESIDENT INTERCROIXROUGE

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BOISSIER COMMUNICATED THIS MORNING FOR YOUR INFORMATION THAT

GALLOPIN DELEGATE OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE IN VIENNA

YESTERDAY MET IN CONFERENCE WITH DELEGATION OF HUNGARIAN

REDCROSS WHICH MADE IMPRESSION OF BEING COMPOSED OF TRUSTWORTHY

PERSONS AND WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED

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BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS STOP AS RESULT THIS CONFERENCE AN AGREE-

MENT WAS SIGNED CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF FROM ALL REPEAT

ALL SOURCES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL REDCROSS COMMITTEE STOP

HUNGARIAN DELEGATION INSISTED THAT STAFF TO BE USED IN HUNGARY

SHOULD BE MUCH AS POSSIBLE EXCLUSIVELY OF SWISS NATIONALITY STOP

DELEGATION ALSO ANNOUNCED IN

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STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT HUNGARY STILL HAS FOOD FOR TWENTY DAYS

ONLY STOP BOISSIER INSISTS THAT IF REDCROSS IS TO ACT ON BEHALF

UN HE SHOULD BE INFORMED SOONEST POSSIBLE AS SUCH ADDITIONAL

ACTIVITY WOULD REQUIRE ENGAGEMENT ADDITIONAL STAFF.

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