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6 - MAY 1958

SO 535/1 ICRC

5 May 1958

Dear Adrian,

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 1958 transmitting a second original of Mr. Maunoir's letter of 25 November 1957 on the Indonesian contribution for Hungarian relief. Would you kindly convey our thanks to Mr. Maunoir for his kindness.

With the transmission of Mr. Maunoir's letter to the Indonesian Government, we have now completed the formal action of reporting to those Governments (Australia, Ceylon, Indonesia, Israel and the United Kingdom) whose contributions for Hungarian relief were channeled through the United Nations.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. W. Taylor
Office of the Under-Secretary
for Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Adrian David
Administrative Officer
European Office of the United Nations
Geneva
Switzerland

KWT/PdeS/pmj

RECORDS

5 - MAY 1958

SO 535/1 ICRC

1 May 1958

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to the contribution of the Government of Indonesia for relief to the Hungarian people. As indicated in previous correspondence, this contribution was made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its relief operation in Hungary. In accordance with the Agreement concluded between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross on 4 December 1956, the International Committee has acted as the sole agent of the United Nations for the distribution of relief supplies in Hungary.

The Secretary-General has received the report of the International Committee on its relief action in Hungary covering the period October 1956 to June 1957. This report records the receipt of contributions up to 30 June 1957 and the nature and scope of the relief action in Hungary towards which those contributions were applied.

Since the supplies contributed by the Government of Indonesia were received and could only be distributed after 30 June 1957, this contribution is covered in a supplementary report consisting of a programme of distribution agreed to between the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Hungarian Red Cross Society on 27 June 1957 and of a letter dated 25 November 1957 from the International Committee indicating that the programme was executed in conformity with the Agreement.

I remain, dear Mr. Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs

His Excellency
Mr. Ali Sastroamidjojo
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations
5 East 68th Street
NEW YORK 21, N.Y.

COPY

Programme No. 177

Re: the Gift of Tea, Coffee and Sugar, from the Indonesian Government

1. The Programme shall be carried out under the terms of the agreement between the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Hungarian Red Cross Society, dated 27 June 1957.

2. The gift of the Indonesian Government consists of:

3,000 Kg of tea
2,100 Kg of coffee
12,033 Kg of sugar.

3. The distribution shall be made in accordance with the attached distribution schedule of the Hungarian Red Cross to hospitals, welfare institutions, special schools, infants homes, creches, apprentices' hostels and the Remedial Gymnastics Institute.

4. The goods, on arrival at the station of destination, will be handed over by the ICRC with a collective delivery note to the Hungarian Red Cross. For its part, the HRC undertakes to obtain receipts for the goods from the responsible final recipients. These receipts shall form an integral part of the programme.

For the International Committee of the Red Cross

(s)

Ernst Fischer M. Jöhr

For the Hungarian Red Cross

(s)

Karpati

The following is the text of a letter dated 25 November 1957, from the International Committee of the Red Cross to the United Nations.

Genève, le 25 novembre 1957

Concerne: contribution du gouvernement indonésien.

Pour faire suite à notre entretien téléphonique du 22 novembre, je vous confirme que tous les programmes signés d'entente entre nos délégués à Budapest et la Croix Rouge hongroise ont été exécutés conformément aux prévisions établies.

En collaboration avec les pouvoirs publics et les autres organisations de secours privées, la Croix Rouge hongroise a pris livraison dans nos entrepôts de tous les dons qui nous ont été confiés et les a distribués aux bénéficiaires désignés dans les programmes. Des contrôles ont été opérés par la Croix Rouge hongroise et par le Comité international de la Croix Rouge afin de s'assurer que les marchandises étaient effectivement parvenues entre les mains des ayants-droit.

C'est en application de cette procédure que le don du gouvernement indonésien a été distribué, en exécution du programme du 19 juillet 1957 dont une copie vous a déjà été adressée.

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REF. No.: G. I 30/1 20496 AGD/mb APR 23 1958
(à rappeler dans la réponse)

21 April 1958

ACTION
TO: D. Taylor
Action Completed
Acknowledged
No Action Required
INITIALS

So 535/1 ICRC

Dear Bill,

With reference to your letters of April 3 and 7, I consulted the file and saw that Clinton Rehling had sent to Ralph Townley on the 27th of November 1957 a letter from M. Maunoir of the ICRC confirming that the Indonesian contribution to Hungary was distributed in accordance with the programme agreed on 19 July 1957. This correspondence must have gone astray and when I explained the matter to M. Maunoir he very kindly agreed to send me a second original of his letter which I enclose herewith. I hope that this is what you want.

I am very sorry to know that I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you here in the summer. Come again soon.

Yours sincerely,

A.G. David
Assistant to the Deputy Director
of the European Office of the United Nations

Mr. D.W. Taylor
Office of the Under-Secretary for
Relief to the Hungarian People
United Nations Headquarters
New York

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1958 APR 23 PM 4:01

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA
CROIX-ROUGE

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Veuillez agréer, cher Monsieur, l'assurance de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

J.-P. Maunoir

J.-P. MAUNOIR
Chef de Section
Division exécutive

Monsieur REHLING
Bureau de l'Assistance Technique
Office européen des Nations Unies
Palais des Nations
Genève

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Avec les compliments de M. J.P. Maunoir, veuillez trouver ci-joint, selon votre demande, un duplicata de la lettre adressée le 25.11.57 à M. Rehling.

Genève, le 18 avril 1957

So 535/1 ICRC
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22 APR 1958

Message by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld
Commemorating 'World Red Cross Day' on 8 May 1958

Recent events have again demonstrated the universal need, as reflected in the demands made upon the Red Cross, for organized relief of human suffering. Natural and man-made disasters -- floods, earthquakes, political upheavals, and even armed conflict -- have occurred on almost every continent, leaving death and destruction in their wake.

But always the devoted men and women of the Red Cross -- through a world-wide network of 80 national societies in as many countries, and often in complete disregard for their own safety -- have quickly and effectively responded to the call for help.

Truly this is the kind of "Universality in Action" for which we must all be grateful as we pause once more to observe "World Red Cross Day" on 8 May.

I wish again to express my particular pleasure at the recognition extended the League of Red Cross Societies when, last September, it was awarded the 1957 Nansen Medal in appreciation -- as the Award read -- "... of its constant humanitarian efforts for the victims everywhere of wars and natural and other disasters, and particularly for refugees, and in recognition of the prompt, efficient and humanitarian manner in which member societies of the League responded to the heavy demands so suddenly made on them by the Hungarian refugee influx...".

Such activities exemplify what can be accomplished by those imbued with the spirit of neighborliness, brotherhood, and faith in "the worth and dignity of the human person" as expressed in the United Nations Charter.

On this, ~~the 10th anniversary of the League of Red Cross Societies, may we look forward to a~~ continuing expansion of the humanitarian work of the Red Cross carried out by those who recognize that one of the first obligations of human society is concern for the well-being of their fellow men.

11th Annual observance of "World Red Cross Day", we are happy that the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the League of Red Cross Societies and its Member Societies, assure the /

INTERNATIONAL NEWS RELEASE

LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES

GENEVA SWITZERLAND

Telephone: 364458
Cable: LICROSS-GENEVA

Press Communiqué No. 1958-3
6th of January 1958

CAUTION : ADVANCE RELEASE

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UN COOPERATION PLEDGED HENRY W. DUNNING, NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES

WARM TRIBUTE PAID FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL BONABES DE ROUGE

Secretary General Dag Hammerskjöld of the United Nations today cabled the new Secretary General of the League of Red Cross Societies, Henry W. Dunning, a pledge of the fullest cooperation of the United Nations in his new responsibilities. At the same time, Mr. Hammerskjöld expressed his warm appreciation to the League's former Secretary General, Bonabes de Rougé, for his distinguished contribution to international cooperation.

In his message to Mr. Dunning, who took office on the 1st of January, Mr. Hammerskjöld said: "On the occasion of your assumption of the duties of Secretary General of the League of Red Cross Societies, I wish to extend to you my warm good wishes for success in carrying on the work of your distinguished predecessor in furtherance of the ideals symbolised by the League of Red Cross Societies and the associated Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies. In this work you may count on the fullest cooperation and understanding of the United Nations."

The cable to Mr. Dunning from the UN Secretary General is one of many being received by him -- and his predecessor -- from both Red Cross and non-Red Cross organisations and individuals in many parts of the world.

In addressing himself to Mr. de Rougé, who retired on the 31st of December, Mr. Hammerskjöld said: "On the occasion of your retirement from the post of Secretary General of the League of Red Cross Societies, I wish to pay tribute to your distinguished contribution to international cooperation. During your 21 years of service as Secretary General, the Red Cross with its affiliated Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies has become the symbol of complete impartiality in rendering help wherever help was needed. The technical achievements of the League have been outstanding, but even greater has been its work in strengthening the ideal of the human race as one family by translating into practical terms the humanitarian concern for the welfare of our fellow men. The United Nations itself is founded upon this ideal. On the future growth of this ideal lies our hope for the building of international peace in a world of law. Please accept my warm gratitude and that of my colleagues in the United Nations Secretariat together with our warm good wishes for your personal health and happiness."

The League of Red Cross Societies affiliates the world's 80 National Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies, comprising collectively a membership of over 100 millions. Its object is to encourage and facilitate at all times the action of the National Societies for the prevention and alleviation of suffering.

RECORDS CONTROL
17 APR 1958

GJJ:jww

S0535/1 ICRC

17 April 1958

Dear Mr. Dunning,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the League of Red Cross Societies report "Hungarian Refugee Relief", and to extend to you his appreciation of the kind statements, as expressed in your letter in this connection, with regard to the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

George J. Janecek
Director
Public Liaison Division
Department of Public Information

Mr. Henry W. Dunning,
Secretary-General,
League of Red Cross Societies,
Geneva, Switzerland

To

UNITED NATIONS NATIONS UNIES

RECORDS CONTROL

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

22 APR 1958

TO: ~~Mr. Wilder Foote~~

Date: 9 April 1958

FILE NO.: S0535/1 ICRC

FROM: George J. ~~Janecek~~

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: Letter of 6 February from the League of Red Cross Societies.

Charles Hogan brought this matter back again with the explanation that an official report was transmitted to the Secretary-General, including a financial statement, and the Economic and Social Affairs Department feel is a report to the public and therefore should be acknowledged. I think it would be just as well to acknowledge it simply as follows:

"I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of ~~your book on the~~ the League of Red Cross Societies report "Hungarian Refugee Relief," and to extend to you his appreciation of the kind statements, as expressed in your letter in this connection, with regard to the United Nations."

OK as amended

WJ

APR 11 1958

ACTION

TO: M. de Seynes

INITIALS: K.W.G.

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NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

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SO 535/1 ICRC

9 April 1958

Dear Mr. de Seynes,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. SO 535/1 of 5 April 1958, enclosing the report of the International Committee on its relief action in Hungary, which has been sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Israel.

I remain, dear Mr. de Seynes,

Yours sincerely,

Michael Comay

Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations

Mr. Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs
United Nations
New York City

APR 15 1958

ACTION
TO Mr. de Seynes
☐ - Action Completed
☐ - Acknowledged
☑ - No Action Required
INITIALS RWG

SO 535/1 ICRC

Permanent Mission of Ceylon
to the United Nations
New York

417 East 57th Street
New York 22

No.POL/7

9 April 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No.SO.535/1 of 5 April 1958. The copy of the report forwarded therewith is being transmitted for the information of my Government.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Y. Duraiswamy
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.
Permanent Mission of Ceylon
to the United Nations

Mr. Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs
United Nations
New York 17

7 April

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SO 535/1 ICRC
9 - APR 1958

7 April 1958

Dear Adrian,

Further to my letter of 3 April, the dispatch of which I delayed pending a decision by Mr. de Seynes on another aspect of the matter, I am now able to inform you generally of the effects of that decision.

It concerns the question of a formal acknowledgement by us of the receipt of the International Committee of the Red Cross report on its relief operations in Hungary. On 28 October 1957, presumably whilst Mr. Boissier was in New Delhi for their conference, Mr. Cheneviere sent to Mr. de Seynes the French text of the report and promised to forward copies of the English text thereof, through Mr. Rehling, for transmission to the Governments (Australia, Ceylon, Israel, the United Kingdom and Indonesia), whose contributions had been channeled through the United Nations. We subsequently received from Mr. Rehling the English texts in mimeographed form, and still later, in printed form. These have been transmitted by Mr. de Seynes to the Governments of Australia, Ceylon, Israel and the United Kingdom, and will be sent to Indonesia, together with the supplementary report, when we receive fromyou a copy of the "missing letter" referred to in my letter of 3 April. When requesting this copy from whomever you contact in the ICRC, you might tell them that the report was transmitted to the other Governments mentioned above.

For the rest, I was somewhat troubled that during my home leave, Mr. Cheneviere's letter was not acknowledged (although I had prepared a draft for this purpose). If the Red Cross people considered this to be the final formal letter to the United Nations transmitting their report, they may indeed have wondered why no acknowledgement was received. On the other hand, quite apart from the fact that I was on home leave (!), Mr. Cheneviere's letter did not look like the "final formal" communication on their relief action, and, in addition, Mr. Rehling undoubtedly informed the Red Cross that we had received it and of the action we were taking to transmit the English text of the report, when received, to the donor Governments. In case there is some misunderstanding,

Mr. Adrian David
Administrative Officer
European Office of the United Nations
Geneva
Switzerland

however, Mr. de Seynes will see Mr. Boissier in Geneva this week to say that although there appeared to be no formal windup of correspondence between us, we had done what we promised to do, i.e., transmit the report to the Governments concerned, that we deeply appreciated the co-operation and all that the ICRC had done, etc., etc., and unless they wanted a formal letter from us, we regarded the books as being closed.

All that I have told you in the preceding paragraph is for your information alone since Mr. de Seynes will make the necessary overtures to Mr. Boissier personally. I thought I should tell you about it, however, in case when you get in touch with someone to obtain the letter about it, the distribution of the Indonesian supplies, he should ask any questions or raise any eyebrows about not having received an acknowledgement to Mr. Cheneviere's letter. In such an event, this background information will be important for you to know.

May I say once again that I am sorry to give you this trouble, but I think you will see that although only formalities are involved, we should do this properly when we recall all that the ICRC did for the United Nations (to the tune of $20,000,000) for relief to the Hungarian people.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. W. Taylor
Office of the Under-Secretary
for Economic and Social Affairs

Hungarian Relief

DRAFT LETTER TO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIA

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to the contribution of the Government of Indonesia for relief to the Hungarian people. As indicated in previous correspondence, this contribution was made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its relief operation in Hungary. In accordance with the Agreement concluded between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross on 4 December 1956, the International Committee has acted as the sole agent of the United Nations for the distribution of relief supplies in Hungary.

The Secretary-General has received the report of the International Committee on its relief action in Hungary covering the period October 1956 to June 1957. This report records the receipt of contributions up to 30 June 1957 and the nature and scope of the relief action in Hungary towards which those contributions were applied. Since the supplies contributed by the Government of Indonesia were received and could only be distributed after 30 June 1957, this contribution is covered in a supplementary report received by the Secretary-General a few days ago.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the main report and of the supplementary report for the information of your Government.

~~Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.~~

Philippe de Seynes

Under-Secretary for
Relief to the Hungarian People

~~(comprising the distribution agreement dated 27 June 1957 and a letter dated 25 November from the ICRC indicating that~~

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RECORDS CONTROL
8 APR 1958

5 April 1958

SO 535/1 ICRC

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to the contribution of the Government of the United Kingdom for relief to the Hungarian people. As indicated in previous correspondence, this contribution was made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its relief operations in Hungary. In accordance with the Agreement concluded between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross on 4 December 1956, the International Committee has acted as the sole agent of the United Nations for the distribution of relief supplies in Hungary.

The Secretary-General has received the report of the International Committee on its relief action in Hungary covering the period October 1956 to June 1957. This report records the receipt of the contribution of the Government of the United Kingdom and the nature and scope of the relief action in Hungary towards which that contribution was applied.

..... I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of this report for the information of your Government.

I remain, dear Mr. Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs

His Excellency
Sir Pierson Dixon, G.C.M.G., C.B.
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations
United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations
99 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

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RECORDS CONTROL
8 - APR 1958

5 April 1958

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the contribution of the Government of Ceylon for relief to the Hungarian people. As indicated in previous correspondence, this contribution was made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its relief operations in Hungary. In accordance with the Agreement concluded between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross on 4 December 1956, the International Committee has acted as the sole agent of the United Nations for the distribution of relief supplies in Hungary.

The Secretary-General has received the report of the International Committee on its relief action in Hungary covering the period October 1956 to June 1957. This report records the receipt of the contribution of the Government of Ceylon and the nature and scope of the relief action in Hungary towards which that contribution was applied.

..... I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of this report for the information of your Government.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs

The Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
Permanent Mission of Ceylon
to the United Nations
417 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

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RECORDS CONTROL

8 - APR 1958

5 April 1958

Sc 535/1 ICRC

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to the contribution of the Government of Australia for relief to the Hungarian people. As indicated in previous correspondence, this contribution was made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its relief operations in Hungary. In accordance with the Agreement concluded between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross on 4 December 1956, the International Committee has acted as the sole agent of the United Nations for the distribution of relief supplies in Hungary.

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..... I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of this report for the information of your Government.

I remain, dear Mr. Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs

His Excellency
Dr. E. Ronald Walker
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations
Australian Mission to the United Nations
Room 4510
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

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RECORDS CONTROL

8 - APR 1958

SO 535/1 ICRC

5 April 1958

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to the contribution of the Government of Israel for relief to the Hungarian people. As indicated in previous correspondence, this contribution was made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its relief operations in Hungary. In accordance with the Agreement concluded between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross on 4 December 1956, the International Committee has acted as the sole agent of the United Nations for the distribution of relief supplies in Hungary.

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Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Seynes
Under-Secretary for
Economic and Social Affairs

His Excellency
Mr. Abba Eban
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations
Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations
11 East 70th Street
New York 21, New York

KWT/ef

REGISTRY CONTROL
SOB 535/1 ICRC
9 - APR 1958

3 April 1958

Dear Adrian,

In Clinton Rehling's absence from Geneva, I am afraid that I must ask your most discreet help in tying up one of the loose ends of the Hungarian Relief Programme. The reference to discretion results from the fault on our part in not having tied up this particular loose end some time ago. The oversight resulted from my absence on home leave.

I refer to Clinton Rehling's letter to Ralph Townley of 22 November, enclosing copies of the programme of distribution of the Indonesian contribution, which was agreed between the International Committee of the Red Cross Delegation in Budapest and the Hungarian Red Cross, and indicating that the International Committee of the Red Cross would supply us shortly with a letter reporting that the programme was executed as agreed. Mr. Rehling said that this letter would be forwarded upon its receipt in Geneva. At this stage, I am afraid it is impossible to say what may have become of this letter, except to say that we are unable to find any trace of it at Headquarters. I wonder, therefore, if you would be able to raise this informally with someone in the ICRC office, with a view to obtaining the letter in question. We need this for transmittal to the Indonesian Government, together with the above-mentioned agreement as a report on the action taken on their contribution.

Until recently, I had expected that I would be seeing you again in Geneva this summer, but this now appears highly unlikely. I hope you and your family are comfortably established and are thoroughly enjoying the serene way of life and work (!) in that fair city.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. W. Taylor
Office of the Under-Secretary
for Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Adrian David
Administrative Officer
European Office of the United Nations
Geneva
Switzerland

So 535/1 ICRC

RECORD CONTROL

22 APR 1958

Mr. Charles Hogan 1 April 8

George J. Janecek

.....Letter of 6 February from the League of Red Cross Societies.

I had some doubt about the propriety, and that is why I consulted Mr. Foote.

In light of his answer, I am afraid we will have to ask your Department to deal with this.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

22 APR 1958

TO: Mr. Wilder Foote

Date: 20 March 1958

FILE NO.: SO 535/1 ICRC

FROM: George J. Janecek

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION:

SUBJECT: Letter of 6 February 1958 from the League of Red Cross Societies.

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Charles Hogan brought the attached letter from the League of Red Cross Societies, with the suggestion that Professor Bokhari might acknowledge the report. It seems, according to him, that the Secretary-General has on previous occasions already commented on and appreciated the work of the League of Red Cross Societies, and it would be perhaps more appropriate at this time if Professor Bokhari would do this.

Would you wish to draft such a statement for Professor Bokhari, or what is your reaction?

GJJ - This is an official report and it would not be appropriate for DPI to enter the picture. All that is required is a gracious acknowledgement, which should be for the SG's signature, addressed to Dunning. See last year's & this year's for forthcoming SG messages for World Red Cross Day & the personal message the SG sent Dunning some months ago (copies attached) Send the file back to Charlie 3/21/58 WF

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7 May 1957

Press Release SG/591
3 May 1957

MESSAGE FROM UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD ON WORLD RED CROSS DAY, 8 MAY 1957

Ten years ago a unanimous resolution of the United Nations Assembly paid a worldwide tribute to the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies by drawing the attention of member states to the importance of assisting the establishment of those voluntary national agencies, and of cooperating with them.

They have continued to win the gratitude of untold millions by great and dedicated work to meet human needs during times of emergency.

In this tenth annual message on World Red Cross Day, 8 May, I note with pleasure that in recent months the United Nations and the Red Cross have been directly associated in certain humanitarian work. The International Committee of the Red Cross, by agreement, became the channel in Hungary for distributing the supplies obtained through United Nations contributions for relief to the Hungarian people. The League of Red Cross Societies, in the course of its welfare work for refugees from Hungary, came into closer contact in that field with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. When, in the Middle East this year, the United Nations arranged and carried out the transfer of prisoners of war, the International Committee of the Red Cross lent valued assistance.

On the basis of recent experience I would first like to take the opportunity to express gratitude to the Red Cross for the skill and devotion of its many workers during our work together.

To these examples of direct cooperation between the United Nations and the Red Cross can be added countless other Red Cross actions serving the needs of peoples in time of emergency, and in many parts of the world. I would, therefore, like to pay a sincere and full tribute to the Red Cross not only for what it has done in conjunction with the United Nations but also for its much wider and traditional service to mankind which is universally recognized on World Red Cross Day.

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It is primarily a record of what the League, with considerable financial assistance from the United Nations through the High Commissioner, achieved in Austria and Yugoslavia. May I thank you again for this help and also for the personal encouragement which you yourself so often gave as the Red Cross carried out these tasks.

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