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185 OBEZ YOUR 190 AS SOON AS I HAVE TALKED WITH DESEYNES WHO  
RETURNING FROM WASHINGTON THIS MORNING I WILL CONTACT YOU ;

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6 UNGVA 110 COHEN FROM OBEZ YOUR 101 STOP CONSULTED  
MICHEL CICR WHO MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS STOP TRADITIONAL  
ACTIVITIES NOW IMPLEMENTED BY CICR WERE WORKED OUT BEFORE SITUATION  
AS DESCRIBED IN FAO SECTION REPORT WAS KNOWN AND HAD FULLY  
DEVELOPED CMA AND WHEN FROM INFORMATION GATHERED BY THEM  
MEAT

P2

COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS PLENTIFUL IN BUDAPEST STOP PLENTIFUL  
SUPPLIES RESULTED SUBSEQUENTLY FROM LACK OF FODDER STOP FURTHERMORE  
TRADITIONAL PROGRAMME AS DESCRIBED ANNEX ONE LETTER BOISSIER DESIGNED  
TO GIVE ASSISTANCE CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF POPULATION AND THOSE  
CATEGORIES DONOT NECESSARILY HAVE PURCHASE POWER  
NECESSARY TO COVER ESSENTIAL MEAT REQUIREMENTS

P3

STOP SO LONG AS STOCKS PERMIT CICR DOES NOT ENVISAGE  
CUTTING TINNED MEAT SUPPLIES OUT OF THEIR TRADITIONAL RELIEF  
PROGRAMME STOP CICR ALSO INDICATES THESE TRADITIONAL  
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IS IMPLEMENTED SINCE THOSE ACTIVITIES NOT DESIGNED TO ASSIST  
SAME CATEGORIES OF POPULATION STOP GENERAL

P4

RELIEF PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MINIMUM AID TO  
BUDAPEST POPULATION IN VIEW RESERVES OF BASIC FOOD  
AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES LIKELY TO BE IN NEAR FUTURE  
AT DANGEROUS LOW LEVEL, AS EXPLAINED PARAGRAPH THREE THEIR  
MEMORANDUM TWENTY EIGHT DECEMBER STOP AS EXPLAINED PARA  
TWO SAME MEMO TRADITIONAL PROGRAMME MAY EVEN HAVE

P5

TO BE ENLARGED TO ASSIST LARGER NUMBER OF SPECIFIC CATEGORIES  
TO BENEFIT FROM SUCH PROGRAMMES PARTICULARLY IF SITUATION  
FURTHER DETERIORATES AND PARTICULARLY IF LARGE UNEMPLOYMENT  
OCCURS STOP ALSO QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES ENVISAGED IN TRADITIONAL  
PROGRAMMES IN GOODS SUCH AS FATS CMA SUGAR CMA FLOUR SHOW  
DIFFERENCE IN SCALE OF ACTION

P6

UNDERTAKEN AS COMPARED TO GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAMME STOP  
TRADITIONAL PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO COVER NEED OF SPECIFIC  
CATEGORIES OF POPULATION EXPLAINED IN LETTER GALLOPIN  
SEVENTH DECEMBER STOP ALTHOUGH EYE REALISE THIS NOT  
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BE REFERRED BY CIGR TO THEIR DELEGATION VIENNA AND  
BUDAPEST AND THEREFORE WOULD REQUIRE MORE TIME

110 101



7 - SINCE FINAL DRAFT TO BE COMPLETED IN 30 MINUTES DOUBT WHETHER THIS INFORMATION CAN BE SORTED OUT IN TIME. WILL TY// TRY TO USE THAT WHICH IS CONSISTENT . HOWEVER THERE IS OBVIOUS INCONSISTENCY WITH FOOTNOTE 2 IN ANNEX 1 TO CICR LETTER 28 DECEMBER. DO YOU HAVE THIS AND CAN YOU RESOLVE THIS SPECIFIC POINT NOW?

OVER

8 - YES I CAN ADD THAT IN REPLY TO A SIMILAR QUARY WHICH I MADE TO MICHEL HE AS INDICATED THAT OF COURSE DEVELOPMENT TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES MAY LATER BE RECONSIDERED AGAINST NEW NEEDS AS WELL AS AGAINST IMPLEMENTATION ANY LARGER RELIEF PROGRAMME AND OR ECONOMIC AID/7 RECEIVED FROM ANY SOURCE . OU/// HOWEVER CICR DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE THIS LIKELY TO OFFER NEAR FUTURE

OVER...

9 - UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE TO OMIT FOOTNOTE OR ANY STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT GENERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF IF ADOPE ADOPTED WOULD DISPENSE WITH ~~XXEMEX~~ ANY ITEMS MENTIONED IN ANNEX 1. IN ADDITION WOULD REFER TO SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS YOU OBTAINED FROM MICHEL SUCH AS QUOTE SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF PERSONS UNQUOTE AND DANGER OF SHORTAGE IN NEAR FUTURE. I WILL O BVIOUSLY HAVE TO CLEAR THIS. DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD SATISFY

CICR?

OVER

10 - I AGREE ENTIRELY . YOU CAN CERTAINLY OMIT FOOTNOTE IN ANEX ONE  
SEEMS IMPORTANT AT LEAST IN CONVERSATIONS EMPHASISED DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN TWO PROGRAMMES IN TERMS OF CATEGORIES OF PERSONS TO BE  
ASSISTED AND ALSO C/// QUANTITIES INVOLVED . HOWEVER CICR ALWAYS  
WISHED MAKE CLEAR THAT GENERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMME IS NOT  
ECONOMIC AID . IF YOU WISH I CAN PERSUE MATTER WITH CICR AND  
OBTAIN FURTHER CLARIFICATION TO TELEPRINT YOU BY MONDAY.  
AFTER 7XZ/20M/ THEY CONSULTED VIENNA.  
OVER...

11 - BELIEVE AT THIS STAGE TO PROCEED ALONG LINES SUGGESTED MY  
PREVIOUS STATEMENT AND YOUR REPLY. FURTHER CLARIFICATION  
WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN TIME. WILL TRY TO GO AHEAD  
NOW  
THANK YOU  
OVER

12 -- THANKS YOU OTHER SUBJECT: QUERY HAVE YOU NOW RECEIVED MATERIAL  
CICR POUCHED YESTERDAY AND DO YOU STILL INTEND TO INCLUDE THIS WITH  
OTHER PART CHAPTER THREE IN AN ADDENDUM TO REPORT  
OVER...

13 - NO . MATERIAL NOT YET RED// RECEIVED AND DECISION NOT  
FINALLY TAKEN CONCERNING CIRCULATION IN AGENDA /////  
CIRCULATION IN ADDENDUM TO REPORT . WILL LET YOU KNOW  
WHEN WE HAVE STUDIED IT. MUST GO UPSTAIRS NOW AND HOPE  
TO START TELETYPING ENGLISH TEXT CHAPTERS 1 AND 2  
AT 1400NEWYORKTIME OR AT LATEST 1500HRS NEWYORKTIME  
THANK YOU  
- END OF CONVERSATION

(15) - WE ARE THRILLED TO RECEIVE BEFORE TOMORROW MORNING  
GOOD BYE.

END OF CONFERENCE...1725Z

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*Mr Taylor R.W.J.  
Mrs Jeffery  
note return  
to me pls*

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FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO HIS MEMORANDUM STOP FIRSTLY ON PAGE SIXTEEN  
INFORMATION RECENTLY PPUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER AFTER  
RETURN OF UN MISSION INDICATES THAT BULGARIA HAS GIVEN HUNGARY CREDIT  
AMOUNTING TO ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY

P2

THOUSAND DOLLARS STOP ADDITIONAL THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY  
THOUSAND DOLLARS CREDIT IS UNDER NEGOTIATION BETWEEN BULGARIA AND  
HUNGARY STOP SECONDLY FOLLOWING NAMES SHOULD BE ADDED TO LIST OF  
PERSONS VISITED IN BUDAPEST COLON LUX DEPUTY MINISTER HOUSING AND  
TRAUTMAN CHIEF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER MINISTRY OF HOUSING STOP

THIRDLY

P3

ON PAGE TWO FIRST PARA LAST BUT TWO LINES INSTEAD OF QUOTE TWOYEAR  
PROGRAMME UNQUOTE READ QUOTE THREEYEAR PROGRAMME UNQUOTE AND IN SAME  
LINE INSTEAD OF QUOTE 1959 UNQUOTE READ QUOTE 1960

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14 January 1957

22 JAN 1957

*Seen K.W.S.*

*[Signature]*

Dear Myer,

Thank you for your letter of 11 ~~February~~ <sup>January</sup>. I have not forgotten your communication of 20 December on the same subject but quite frankly (1) I have been much too busy both on Hungary and TAB recently and have not had sufficient time to study the matter and make any comments, and (2) I had been pressing the CICR on more urgent questions so much that I did not feel I should discuss this with them immediately.

As soon as CICR has given the material which they are preparing in connection with the report of Mr. de Seynes, namely, an inventory of the resources and a paper on the organization of their work, I will discuss the matter with them and let you have my comments at that time.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
F.R. Obez

Liaison Officer for Relief to the  
Hungarian People

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

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SO 534/21(1)

14 JAN 1957

11 January 1957

Dear Pierre,

(3 copies of each)  
Further to our letter of December 20, we are now sending you the most recent documents pertaining to those forwarded to you with that letter.

..... Please find attached document A/3464/Add. 1.

You will also have received our letter informing you of the pledge by Australia of £A.20,000. for relief and I trust you have amended your table A accordingly.

..... We are also sending you a revised statement of contributions showing both pledges and payments as of the present time.

A revised table B, dealing with refugees, is being issued and will be sent to you in the near future.

..... I am also enclosing a copy of table D which we consider still to be in preliminary form. You will see the difficulties involved in trying to get a picture of this part of the operation and I would be grateful for your views so we may proceed and finalize the document. You will appreciate, I am sure, the importance of trying to get a precise picture of contributions being made available through other than governmental channels and perhaps you are in a better position to help us with this particular data than with anything else.

I am sure that Mr. de Seynes will bring lots of information on the situation in Geneva but I would hope that sometime we may have your comments on our letter of 20 December and the tables attached thereto.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Myer Cohen  
Executive Director for  
Relief to the Hungarian People

Mr. Pierre Obez  
Liaison Officer for Relief  
to the Hungarian People  
United Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland



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GENEVA ;

55 CONFIDENTIAL OBEZ FOR DESEYNES IN CASE PRESS AND OTHER SOURCES  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO YOU HAVE NOT CONVEYED SENSE OF DEVELOPMENTS  
THIS SIDE OF OCEAN EYE WISH REPORT TO YOU CONTINUED HARDENING  
OF FEELING AGAINST PROVIDING ASSISTANCE GENERALLY TO PRESENT  
HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT STOP OPPOSITION TO PROVIDING ECONOMIC  
AID ;

P2 ;

IS NOT NEW BUT EYE ALSO DOUBT LIKELIHOOD OF GOVERNMENTAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO FULFILL PROGRAMME OUTLINED ANNEX  
TWO OF BOISSIER LETTER DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHTH TO SECGEN STOP  
BELIEVE CICR MAY BE ABLE COUNT AT MOST ON SO CALLED TRADITIONAL  
RELIEF PROGRAMME OF TYPE OUTLINED ANNEX ONE SAME LETTER

STOP MY VIEW ;

P3/32 ;

POSSIBLY UNDULY PESSIMISTIC BUT EYE WISH PASS IT TO YOU  
AT THIS TIME CMA RECOGNIZING DANGER SUCH PROPHECIES CMA SO  
THAT IF YOU SHARE THESE VIEWS YOU MAY ADVISE BOISSIER ACCORDINGLY ;

COHEN "

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AND ATTACHED MEMORANDUM STOP DE SEYNES WISHES RECEIVE IN GENEVA  
YOUR ADVICE CONCERNING CICR PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN PARA SEVEN  
MEMORANDUM STOP IN MEETING YESTERDAY CICR GAVE FOLLOWING PRECISIONS  
STOP VERY LIMITED EXPERIMENT OF ACTION UNDER EMERGENCY GENERAL  
RELIEF

P2

PLAN OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM HAS ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH  
2500 TONS OF WHEAT MADE AVAILABLE BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT WHICH  
AGREED TO CONDITIONS OF DISTRIBUTION OUTLINED PARA SEVEN STOP  
CONTACTS TAKEN BY CICR IN VIENNA WITH US EMBASSY ON SAME SUBJECT  
HAVE NOT PRODUCED FAVOURABLE REACTION US AUTHORITIES ON PROPOSAL AND

P3

CICR INCLINED TO BELIEVE THESE AUTHORITIES MIGHT BE RELUCTANT  
ACCEPT SYSTEM PROPOSED IN PARA SEVEN STOP DE SEYNES WOULD WISH  
TAKE NECESSARY CONTACTS WASHINGTON ON THIS PROBLEM UPON HIS RETURN  
BUT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU CAN SECURE ALSO INFORMALLY SOME INDICATION  
THEIR REACTION TO PLAN STOP WRITING.

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Dear Myer,

As promised in my cable No. 6 I should like to give you to-day some more detailed information on the visit of Mr. de Seynes in Geneva and our discussion with the CICR concerning their recent proposal for an expanded programme of emergency general relief in Hungary.

Mr. de Seynes was very much impressed by the cordiality of the reception which he had at the CICR. Mr. Boissier arranged a luncheon at his home on 2 January, in which Messrs. Pelt, Palthey, Ewing, Sinard and myself also participated. We then had a session of 2 hours at the headquarters of the Red Cross with the President, Mr. Gallopin the Executive Director (who was himself leaving for Vienna and Budapest the same night) and Mr. Willy Meyer who had been called back from Paris to join us and give first-hand information on his 2 months' delegation in Budapest to Mr. de Seynes.

We discussed principally the recent proposal of the CICR for an expanded programme which, as you know, is described as "emergency general relief programme", as opposed to the traditional relief action of the CICR which will continue unchanged. As far as the latter is concerned, and as you will have seen from the text of the memorandum attached to Mr. Boissier's letter to the Secretary-General, the CICR indicated to us clearly that they already had or could count on sufficient resources to carry out this traditional programme until the end of April 1957. That is the reason why the annex to the memorandum gives quantities related to the period 1 May to 15 July for which the CICR does not have at the moment any guarantee that the necessary resources will be available. However, as also indicated in the annex, the Red Cross is pursuing its efforts to obtain such resources and the agencies and governments contacted by them for this purpose are indicated in the last column.

As far as the emergency general relief programme is concerned, the CICR confirmed in the presence of Mr. de Seynes that they want to undertake this programme which has become essential, but they realize that the necessary resources could only come from governmental sources rather than voluntary agencies and national societies of the Red Cross. As I have already cabled you, they have already contacted for this programme - as I thought they had, despite the indication to the contrary in the Annex 2 - governmental authorities in Germany, France and the U.S. Contacts with Germany and the U.S. are normally made through the embassies in Vienna. As far as France is concerned, these contacts are made with

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Mr. Myer Cohen,  
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United Nations,  
New York.

the "Comité interministériel de Secours", which is an official co-ordinating machinery established by the French much before the events in Hungary and which include voluntary agencies such as national Red Cross societies and the various ministries concerned, as well as other private agencies engaged in relief and charitable action.

I do not know what is the result of the contacts with France. I have already told you that the German Government has already responded to the Red Cross appeal for assistance in a general emergency relief action of the kind described in the memorandum by making available 2500 tons of wheat, which they agreed should be distributed in Hungary according to the system proposed by the CICR and described in para. 7 of the memorandum. This however is only a first and modest experiment of the so-called emergency general relief action which is planned. Mr. de Seynes expressed the interest of the U.N. in the plan and clearly stated that as soon as he returns from Budapest he would have to see in Washington whether or not such a plan could be accepted, as much depended on the U.S. reaction as far as availability of resources to cover the needs is concerned. In reply to a question on his part, Mr. Boissier indicated that the Red Cross already had experience of assistance similar to the one they propose in para. 7 of the memorandum, which they had used in Greece during the war. He also stated that the system was well suited to the needs of the Hungarian Red Cross, which has become an organization completely separated from the Government in Hungary, and that the proposal also met with the agreement of the Hungarian authorities. Finally, he insisted on the fact that the proposal had the great advantage of making sure that the goods would be delivered not to individuals - as is the case for those distributed under the traditional relief programme - but through the necessary economic channels, such as bakeries, distribution centres for heating, and agricultural institutions, <sup>the system</sup> it would ~~then~~ provide the necessary guarantee that it would directly benefit the people of Hungary and not the Hungarian Government as such. The quantities envisaged make it possible to consider this programme as an <sup>emergency</sup> relief programme, and not as an economic aid, for which much greater efforts would be needed. The resources in coal, for instance (as is indicated in the memorandum), would be used only for heating purposes in social institutions such as hospitals, schools, etc., and not in industry. The delivery of the goods would be subject to specific agreements with the Red Cross and the Hungarian authorities so that additional guarantee be provided for the final distribution to those who should really benefit from them.

The programme also is limited to Budapest for two reasons, namely a) indications so far available with regard to the situation in the provinces do not show immediate needs for such help, and b) centralization in Budapest would further increase the possibility of control, which is essential as far as distribution is concerned. The Red Cross people have also insisted on the fact that the control which they have of any relief action so far undertaken by them, or to be undertaken in the future, is safeguarded by the establishment of a strong set-up and delegation of the CICR in Vienna rather than in Budapest, making it possible for them to transport goods into the country only as and when needed, while retaining the major part of the stock outside the country. If the situation would deteriorate, or if the distribution of the goods would not be made in line with the conditions set forth by the CICR and agreed by the Hungarian authorities, a decision to stop action would be immediately effective.

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Mr. de Seynes outlined briefly the purpose of his mission, and it was agreed that he would take the opportunity of his contacts in Budapest both for discussing the programme with all concerned, including checking the figures proposed, and for seeing the operation of the CICR on the spot. This would enable him to speak with all the necessary authority to the governments upon his return, after further consultation with the CICR in Geneva for co-ordination of action in this connection.

As I have told you in my cable No. 6, he would be extremely interested to have your personal advice on the proposal of the CICR, and if at all possible a first reaction of our American friends, on this proposal, if you could obtain this informally. I should like to caution you, however, that after the visit of Mr. de Seynes in Budapest the basis of the emergency general relief plan of the CICR may be substantially changed, in particular some of the figures which are quoted in that plan. He will also undoubtedly gather more precise information on the general economic situation, which will be of great value, and I am sure that his companions in the mission will be of great help in collecting this information for us all.

I anticipate that Mr. de Seynes will be back here on Tuesday or Wednesday next week, and that after 24 hours in Vienna where he will see also in detail the Red Cross set-up and pay an official visit to Mr. Figl, he will come back to Geneva to see the Red Cross again, pay a visit to the League, to Mr. Morse and to Dr. Candau, and then go on to Paris to discuss the problem with Luther Evans, and finally go back to New York where he would hope to be not later than Saturday next week. Needless to say I shall keep you informed of his movements.

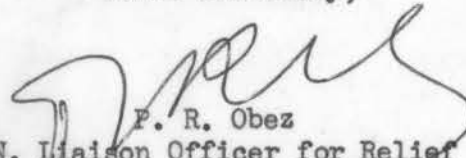
You will have seen from our cable correspondence yesterday and to-day that the difficult situation which had developed with the FAO has greatly improved and that Dr. Wahlen was added to the mission which has become a joint UN/FAO mission. I have been in touch with UNESCO who, through the most mysterious channels, had been rapidly informed of this development. They made it clear that they did not wish (Thank God !) to propose the addition of a UNESCO member to the mission, but that they counted on Mr. de Seynes to investigate the needs in Hungary which could be met by a UNESCO action on the basis of the UNESCO Conference resolution. They were about to write to the CICR to ask for information and help in this connection. I proposed my good offices, which were immediately accepted, to contact the Red Cross in the first place and let them have their reaction before they get in touch with the International Committee more officially and directly. I have already discussed this matter with the Red Cross and hope to have their views to-day or to-morrow, after which I shall inform UNESCO by telephone.

This is all for to-day, and I am sorry if this letter is not too orderly presented, but I am more concerned with the desire to inform you rapidly than with presentation of form.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*in haste  
again happy New  
Year.*

  
P. R. Obez  
U.N. Liaison Officer for Relief to  
the Hungarian People

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ON AN EXPANDED RELIEF PROGRAMME POUCHED TODAY ENCLOSED IN  
BAG 374 WHICH PRESUME WILL REACH YOU MONDAY MORNING

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THIS MORNING AND INFORMED HIM SITUATION

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2015 CONFIDENTIAL KOSTELECKY OBEZ IN VIEW OF MOST RECENT EVENTS  
IN HUNGARY DESEYNES DECIDED THAT FOR TIME BEING FIRST ALTERNATIVE  
COURSE PROPOSED IN FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF EWING MEMORANDUM TO YOU  
OF FOUR DECEMBER SHOULD BE FOLLOWED STOP IN THE MEANTIME ALL  
INFORMATION YOU HAVE OR RECEIVE ON SITUATION ;

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IN HUNGARY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OBEZ WHO IS LIAISON  
OFFICER EUROPEAN OFFICE ON RELIEF TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE ;

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PROGRAMMES AND NEEDS ALSO POUCHED TODAY

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2150 OBEZ MAY I COUNT ON RECEIVING LARGER REDCROSS PROGRAMME

MENTIONED YOUR 2083 AS WELL AS INTERIM REPLY MY 2056 BY MONDAY

THIRTYFIRST STOP PLANNING LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON NOON

JANUARY SECOND AND THIS WOULD BE USEFUL ;

COHEN "

CFM 2150 2083 2056 "

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2119 OBEZ CLOSED FROM FRIDAY EVENING UNTIL WEDNESDAY MORNING

EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY CABLES WHICH EYE AM ARRANGING RECEIVE

STOP MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND THANKS FOR YOUR HELP ;

COHEN "

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INGVA 2114 COHEN FROM OBEZ COMMUNICATION ICRC TO SECCEN  
ON AN EXPANDED RELIEF PROGRAMME POUCHED TODAY ENCLOSED IN  
BAG 374 WHICH PRESUME WILL REACH YOU MONDAY MORNING

CFM 2114 374

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Richardson  
Look for this Monday  
please

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18 F NY 35 19 2353Z ;

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2107 OBEZ TWO COPIES CIRCULAR 59 DATED DECEMBER 12 FROM LEAGUE  
REDCROSS SOCIETIES RECEIVED STOP OUR COPY CIRCULAR TU MISPLACED  
PLEASE SEND TWO COPIES LATTER STOP NEW SUBJECT GRATEFUL ADVICE  
MYTEL 2038 ;

COHEN "

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INGVA 2083 COHEN FROM OBEZ DATA ON LARGER REDCROSS PROGRAMME

ONLY RECEIVED TODAY FROM VIENNA BY CICR WHO IS WORKING

ON THEM STOP WILL BE ABLE TO SEND US INFORMATION REQUESTED ONLY

EARLY NEXT WEEK AND SHALL COMMUNICATE THEM TO YOU IMMEDIATELY

STOP OTHER SUBJECT ALSO HOPE RECEIVE

P2/12

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK SAMPLE AND

INFORMATION RE REDCROSS LABELS REQUESTED YOUR 2038

CFM 2083 2038

Mr. Tarlin  
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Dear Pierre,

.... You have received at an earlier date copies of document A/3405. I am now sending you four copies of document A/3464. This latter document contains replies to appeals for aid to the Hungarian People received subsequent to the issuance of document A/3405. With these two documents you have a complete list of the replies received by the Secretary-General to his various appeals for aid both for refugees and for relief. These documents do not contain letters from Governments addressed to the High Commissioner for Refugees and therefore do not give a complete picture.

In order that we should have a series of working documents in connection with these programmes, I am having the following prepared:

1. An official statement of contributions to the Secretary-General showing both pledges and the payment of pledges, in a form similar to the periodic statement put out with regard to contributions to TAB. There are three such documents, one for refugees and one for relief, and one for funds at Secretary-General's discretion. In any case, you will find the information contained in it also included in the next series of documents to which I refer.
2. Four tables will be issued showing the following:
  - Table A will be a list of governmental assistance as reported to the Secretary-General for relief within Hungary;
  - Table B will be the same for refugees;
  - Table C will list contributions to the Secretary-General for his use either for relief or for refugees at his discretion;
  - Table D will be a list of non-governmental action reported to the Secretary-General by Governments and non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

..... I am enclosing for your information three copies each of tables A, B and C. Table D is not yet ready as the information has to be extracted with some difficulty from the letters contained in documents A/3405 and A/3464.

From the standpoint of information, what is still missing is a list

Mr. Pierre Obez  
Liaison Officer for Relief to  
the Hungarian People  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland

of contributions being made for relief and for refugees <sup>by Governments and</sup> ~~through~~ non-governmental organizations and which are not reported to the United Nations ~~by Governments~~ in their replies to the various appeals of the Secretary-General. It is this information which I hope the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies can compile in such a way as to give at all time an up-to-date picture of the total resources available for the programme. One of the big problems, of course, will be to identify the lists of resources in such a way as to avoid counting them more than once, particularly in the case of contributions from non-governmental sources. Another knotty problem is to disentangle contributions as between refugees and relief where the donor has not conveyed clear information as to his wishes or where the distribution has been left to the discretion of the Red Crosses. Another problem, which I think you will see in looking over the list, is to know whether items which are being listed as going direct to Hungary are in fact reaching Hungary and being distributed. It may not be possible to find out the facts on this but we can at least determine whether any of those supplies are finding their ways to the CICR warehouses in Hungary and being distributed through that channel.

I would like to have your views and those of CICR as to how they would like to be notified of contributions received by the United Nations and which are available for the use of the CICR. We could either send a periodic report or we could adopt a system which I believe might be better, i.e. that of cabling the information as soon as it is received. With regard to information we would like to receive from Geneva, I have already mentioned in cables the desirability of having as full information as possible concerning resources available to CICR and negotiations under way between CICR and Governments. You will understand, I am sure, why it is important to have this information not only as a means of having some idea on the relationship between requirements and resources, but also so that we are informed in connection with any negotiations we may undertake with Governments to secure specific items required for relief.

In listing requirements, it would be helpful if the information could be more precise than that contained in Mr. Gallopin's letter of December 7. For example, the requirements of "cereals" is not sufficiently specific, nor is the lumping together "meat, fish, cheese" in the best form for discussion with Governments.

It would be useful also if we could know of the relationships existing between CICR, Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and Non-governmental operating agencies, and I think that the reasons for this are obvious.



We will need to give consideration in the near future, that is, assuming that United Nations may have substantial resources at its disposal, to the kind of reports which we would like to have periodically from the CICR. I do not want to press this point until we know whether, in fact, Governments are going to make large contributions to the United Nations, since if not, it would be unwise to set up very much in the way of reporting procedures.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Myer Cohen  
Executive Director  
For Relief to the Hungarian People

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2072 OBEZ PLEASE INFORM SOLER DIRECTOR NEWDELHI INFORMATION

CENTRE FLIGHT NUMBER AND ARRIVAL TIME OF JAMES KEEN ;

DUCKWORTHBARKER. "

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THIS MORNING AND INFORMED HIM SITUATION

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2062 OBEZ YOUR 2026 YOU CAN FORGET WOLD OFFER FOR FUTURE STOP  
ALWAYS HAD DOUBTS BUT FELT POSSIBILITIES SHOULD BE EXPLORED  
AS INDICATED MYLET 30 NOVEMBER STOP DID NOT EXRECT MAKE EMERGENCY  
CALL ON WOLD WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLORATION HIS OFFER STOP APPEARS  
WE AND YOU ASSESSED VALUE HIS ;

P2

OFFER DIFFERENTLY STOP STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISES MATS PLANES  
GO MUNICH ONLY CMA AND ARE CARRYING OTHER PRIORITY CARGOES CMA  
THEREFORE USE FOR MILK AIRLIFT NOT POSSIBLE STOP STATE REPEATS  
VIEW MY 2045 THAT MILK MOVEMENT SHOULD IF POSSIBLE BE SURFACE  
STOP STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ALERTED US AUTHORITIES VIENNA  
TO PROBLEM ;



P3

OUTLINED YOUR 2016 WITH VIEW TO POSSIBILITY AID CICR STOP SUGGEST  
YOU CONSULT HCR AND CICR AND ARRANGE THEY CONTACT HALLAM TUCK  
WHO IS VORHEES REPRESENTATIVE VIENNA AND ASK WHETHER AID  
POSSIBLE EITHER BY SURFACE OR THROUGH USAFE STOP LATTER CAN  
AIRLIFT SUPPLIES WITHIN EUROPE STOP PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS  
CICR ;

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EFFORTS VIENNA RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM US AUTHORITIES THIS PROJECT  
STOP POUCHING YOU COPIES SEC GEN REPORT TO GENASSEMBLY A/3443 ;

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72 SSS NY 103 13 1853Z ;

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GENEVA ;

2056 OBEZ THANKS YOUR 2017 STOP WHILE WE CAN APPEAL GENERALLY  
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH OR KIND AGAINST REQUIREMENT LISTS  
RECEIVED FROM CICR CMA ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS  
FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS AND QUANTITIES CANNOT BE ON BUSINESSLIKE  
BASIS IF WE UNAWARE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS CICR FOR SAME ITEMS  
STOP ;

P2/53 ;

THERE IS ALREADY ENOUGH CONFUSION WITHOUT ADDING TO IT BY HAVING  
UN APPROACH GOVERNMENTS FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS IN IGNORANCE OF  
SIMILAR APPROACHES BEING MADE BY CICR FOR SAME ITEMS STOP  
THEREFORE AS INDICATED MY 2040 WE NEED TO KNOW NOT ONLY WHAT  
HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED BUT ALSO WHATS COOKING AT ALL TIMES ;

COHEN "

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Dear Pierre,

I wish it were possible for us to talk over the lines of development which this programme is taking, but it is hard to do so at this distance. Nevertheless, whenever I get a chance I will try to give you an idea of the problems we are facing and the way we see the future.

Our recent exchange of telegrams about the Wold proposal has given me some concern (as I am sure it has given you also) that perhaps the International Red Cross believes the UN is in a position to render assistance more than we are in fact in a position to do. I dislike very much giving the Red Cross or anyone the idea that we are in a position to help in a realistic way until in fact that is the situation. At the present time I feel that the UN is in a very weak position on the programme and Mr. de Seynes and I have been discussing all the steps we can take to change this situation.

We are quite conscious of the fact that the prestige of the UN is going to suffer very greatly if we do not soon take action of a tangible character. I gather from your letters that you also share our feeling that the peoples in many countries of the world and especially in Hungary are looking to the UN for help. I wish that there were some way of relating the eloquence of the speeches in the General Assembly to the cash contributions to the UN relief funds.

We are now trying desperately to get the US Government to make a sizeable contribution and if possible the entire \$15 million in surplus supplies to the UN for disposal by the Secretary-General. If we can succeed in this I think the foundation will have been laid for approaching other governments and requesting from them substantial contributions. I am afraid that if we cannot get the US to decide as a matter of policy to put their contribution through the UN, we are going to have a very difficult time indeed in securing substantial contributions from other governments. I understand that there is considerable difference of opinion in the State Department as to whether these funds should be put through the UN channel. Yet the President has spoken most emphatically on the importance of linking US policy to the UN.

Mr. Pierre Obez.,  
Emission Officer for Relief  
to the Hungarian People,  
Palais des Nations,  
Geneva,  
Switzerland.



Quite apart from the questions of the prestige of the UN and the size of contributions from various governments, I think that the most orderly way in which to handle the relief programme is through a mechanism such as ours whereby UN can serve as a central collecting point for offers and contributions as well as a receiving point for a list of needs and requirements. Unless there is some central point at which resources and requirements are brought together, I can foresee a relief operation of the most confused character. In fact this appears to be what is already happening with regard to the Hungarian refugee programme and I should like to believe we might avoid it in the relief programme or at least lessen its impact.

We are now holding private, individual conversations with chiefs of delegations here. We agree with you that high level visits to the capitals of Europe are essential and we are only waiting for the results of our efforts in Washington to send word to Geneva that Mr. Pelt should undertake the visits to European capitals which he and Mr. de Seynes discussed in a preliminary way a few days ago.

Turning from more general to a more specific problem, I have noticed in a number of reports from you and others that one of the urgent needs in Hungary is for coal. In document A/3405, on page 27 it is stated that the Soviet Government is supplying Hungarian workers with various products including 100,000 tons of coal. Does the Red Cross have any information with regard to this claim? It might be useful to attempt to discuss this with the Soviet Delegation here once we knew whether there was any evidence of the item's being delivered in Hungary or whether the quantities have been taken into consideration by the International Committee of the Red Cross in its estimates of requirements.

I will be glad to have your observations on the various points in this letter as soon as you have a chance.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Myer Cohen  
Executive Director for  
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2051 OBEZ FURTHER MY 2048 FIRST REPORTS FROM WOLD INDICATE  
HE UNLIKELY LOCATE AND COMMIT TRANSPORT THIS OPERATION STOP EYE  
HAVE BEEN ADVISED CERTAIN NUMBER MATS PLANES WHICH CARRYING  
REFUGEES VIENNA TO USA ARE RETURNING VIENNA EMPTY WHILE OTHERS  
ARE CARRYING BLANKETS STOP AM ASKING STATE DEPARTMENT WHETHER ;

P2/50 ;

ANY THESE PLANES CAN PICK UP POWDERED MILK EN ROUTE VIENNA AND  
THEY TAKING THIS UP WITH TRACY VORHEES STOP MEANWHILE SUGGEST  
CICR THROUGH ITS OWN CONTACTS APPROACH VORHEES WHO IS US  
COORDINATOR THIS PROGRAM APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER  
STOP BELIEVE CICR SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE SEEK OTHER TRANSPORT  
FACILITIES ;

COHEN "

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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 sur ~~une~~ 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

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

/...

*They know!  
We have too  
Obez all we  
know - and can  
guess.  
Genève - yes -  
transfer Obez!*

Intéressant  
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 pourrions 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.

we have practically no funds for this?  
Doubt UN will undertake long term rehabilitation  
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.

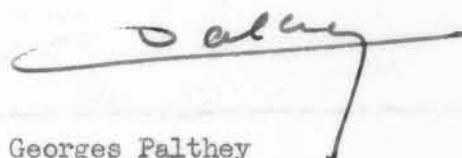
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They know all they  
need know to do what  
we ask them  
to do!

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.

Vous devez être très "overworked".

Bien cordialement.



Georges Palthey