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H.E. Mr. Alsing Andersen
Member of Parliament
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New York, New York

Your Excellency:

We wrote to you a request of the 13th of December, to your United Nations office, because of your absence at that time it is possible that our letter did not reach you. Thus, we are informing you of our request again.

Let us be allowed to draw your attention to the attached communique of the Hungarian Freedom Federation, Inc. You,-- who as a member of the Special Committee on the Problem of Hungary, personally investigated the cause of the Hungarian Revolution,--know best the tyranny which the Hungarian people in forced to endure.

On behalf of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters in exile we request that you do your best to save these brave and honest men's lives and to lessen the suffering of the oppressed Hungarian people.

Let us be allowed, at the same time, to inform you that our Federation did it's best to persuade Freedom Fighters to testify before the Special Committee, we persuaded even those who feared to do so because of the safety of their families in Hungary. Therefore, we fell morally accountable for their identities secrecy. We are requesting you to control the being of these documents and after that, if possible, to order their destruction, in order to keep the identity of those who testified in secret.

Respectfully yours,
HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FEDERATION, INC.

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Inclosure

COMMUNIQUE

Of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation in Connection
with Gen. Maleter's Trial.

According to confirmed information, General Paul Maleter and his companions have been brought to trial by the Moscow imposed puppet regime of Janos Kadar.

The three main defendants are: Major General Paul Maleter, Major General Istvan Kovacs and Colonel Sander Kopacsy. All three fought against the Nazis during World War II as partisans and Maleter and Kovacs received numerous Soviet decorations for their bravery.

Major General Istvan Kovacs, as a Jewish youth, was drafted into a labor battalion by the then German-controlled Hungarian government and was sent to the Russian front. It was then that he learned to live as a man deprived of all human rights and he has fought ever since for the upholding of human liberties.

Sander Kopacsy began fighting for democracy at an early age as a young worker. He became police commissioner of Budapest in 1953 and tried to bring law and order into the department which until then was known for its terrorism and unlawfulness and prejudices.

All three defendants held important government posts prior to the Revolution, but during the Hungarian Freedom Fight of 1956 they publicly announced that as Hungarian patriots they would fight against Soviet oppression and Moscow's Imperialist terror regime.

Generals Maleter and Kovacs were arrested by Soviet secret police at a time when they were holding discussions with the Soviet high command at Soviet headquarters. Both men were official representatives of the legal Hungarian government and acted as delegates of that government. Their presence at Soviet army headquarters at Thokol was in accordance with international diplomatic procedure.

General Maleter had been appointed Minister of Defense by the government of Premier Imre Nagy, General Istvan Kovacs was named Chief of Staff of the Hungarian armed forces and Colonel Kopacsy was deputy commander in chief of the National Guard at the time of their arrest.

All three defendants were exercising their duties in capacities bestowed upon them by the legal government of Hungary. Bringing them to trial is in flagrant violation not only of Hungarian constitutional rights but also violates all principles of human rights.

The Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation protests against this further illegal action of the Kadar puppet regime and calls upon the free world's public opinion to demand the Kadar puppet regime to give account of this most recent act of terror and despotism and the free world should take steps to prevent innocent Hungarian Patriots from being sentenced by the unlawful rulers of Hungary.

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