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Dear Mr. Co-Van-Hai,

I greatly appreciate your letter of 27 August 1958 regarding the execution of workers involved in the uprising in Hungary in 1956. I may inform you that it is my intention to submit a report on the question of Hungary to the General Assembly in October, and I would hope that you will feel that it serves the purpose which you have in mind.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir,

It is for us a great honour to bring to you the best greetings of the Vietnam Socialist Party.

Words can hardly express the depth of our grief and indignation on our receipt of the sad news that the Hungarian Government has just executed eight young workers for their roles in the 1956 revolt (CBS, Vienna, 8.19.59). One of them, Pal Kosa, cabinet-maker and head of the Ujpest Revolutionary Committee, is known to have been arrested in February 1957.

These eight and two other workers, all of Ujpest (an industrial suburb of Budapest), appear to have been sentenced to death in March 1959 (Reuters, Budapest, 2.17.59 and the Times, London, 4.7.59). They appealed, but the death sentence was confirmed for eight of them (the two others had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment). Also identified as involved in this case were Lazzlo Gabor, Miklos Peterfi, Sandor Nagy, and Marton Rajki (Manchester Guardian, 7.16.59).

We respectfully beg to ask you to inscribe the worker-prisoners problems in Hungary on the agenda of the forthcoming General Assembly Session. We wish that a resolution be entered authorizing a neutral United Nations delegate to travel to Hungary and the USSR to seek release and the right to emigrate for the surviving worker prisoners.

We will make an urgent appeal to the United Nations to do all in their power to enquire into the fate of the worker prisoners and to rescue these patriotic freedom fighters from Communist reprisals at the time when a relaxation of international tension is desirable.

We shall be much obliged to you if you will be good enough to grant our application.

With thankful sentiments and best wishes,  
Yours respectfully

For the Central Executive Committee,  
The Secretary General,

Go-Van-Hai

[Seen by Sir Leslie Munro  
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